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## Kidnapped diplomat 'in Syria'

### Syrian official gunned in Kuwait

BEIRUT, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — A telephone caller claiming to represent a pro-Syria group said Sunday Jordan's kidnapped charge d'affaires in Lebanon was taken to Syria after suffering a nervous breakdown in captivity, the "Voice of Lebanon" radio station reported. The caller renewed his claim that he speaks for the "Eagles of the Revolution" group aligned with Syria, despite disclaimers made by the group and the Syrian government after the abduction.

The radio said the caller reported the transfer of Hisham Muhaissen by his abductors to Syria about midday.

In a similar telephone contact three hours earlier, the caller told the Beirut-based station a physician and a psychiatrist were treating Muhaissen in the secret hideout he was taken to by the men who kidnapped him from his Beirut apartment before dawn Friday.

The caller reiterated the threat to execute the diplomat if seven Syrian air force defectors to Jordan and Iraq were not extradited by 1500 GMT Monday, said the "Voice of Lebanon."

The radio played a tape recording of the call which it said was made after Syria and the "Eagles of the Revolution" issued separate denials of any involvement in the abduction.

The caller spoke in Arabic with a north Lebanese accent, which is different from the Syrian or the Palestinian accent.

The caller issued three conditions for the release of the diplomat.

In telephone calls to AFP and other press organs, he said that Muhaissen was "in good faith" but would be "executed" if the following conditions were not met within 48 hours: 1) that negotiations for the release of Muhaissen be undertaken by South Yemen's embassy in Beirut, 2) that the Palestine Liberation Organization contacts with the Jordanian regime, 3) that five Syrian pilots held in Iraq and two in Jordan be released.

The Lebanese press reported Saturday that Muhaissen left the embassy by the kidnappers accused Jordan of cooperating in the camp David peace process supporting the fusing Brotherhood and leading a propaganda campaign against Damascus.

Meanwhile, in Amman, Jordanian Deputy Foreign Minister Hassan Ibrahim met with the ambassadors of France, Great Britain, the Soviet Union and Greece Saturday to discuss the kidnapping. Ibrahim reportedly summoned the ambassadors to seek their governments' cooperation to "put an end to terrorism against diplomatic missions abroad."

In another development, King Hussein met personally to the airport to salute the body of Jordanian embassy guard Abdul Salem Al Karaleh, killed in the attack that led to the kidnapping of the diplomat, official sources reported.

In Beirut, Arab ambassadors have set up a committee to monitor developments in the kidnapping of the diplomat and to safeguard diplomatic immunity in Lebanon. The committee was created Saturday night after a meeting attended by a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) representative, and it met immediately with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros. Afterwards, the diplomats issued a statement condemning incidents against diplomats as "contrary to the most elementary customs."

In Kuwait, unknown gunmen shot and killed a man carrying a Syrian diplomatic passport Saturday night, Brig. Gen. Muhammad abandi, chief of the Kuwait's general security, said Sunday.

The victim was identified by his passport as Abdul-Salam Samaan. He was gunned down in front of the Syrian Airways office at Kuwait's Fahd Al-Salem bustling business center, according to Kabandi's statement.



THIRD WORLD: Officials of nonaligned countries gather at the start of the five-day session to prepare for the foreign ministers' conference which opens Monday in New Delhi.

### Nonaligned talks today

## Pakistan terms stay, Agha Shahi reiterates

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi, a key figure in the non-aligned movement's efforts to end the Afghan crisis, made clear Sunday that his country's terms for talks with the Soviet-backed Kabul government were unchanged. Shahi said on arrival here for the movement's foreign ministers conference that Pakistan would accept only tri-lateral talks between Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan's ruling Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) — a stand that appeared to rule out any breakthrough during the conference. Afghanistan insists on separate talks with each country.

Iranian officials here have said Iran will call for Afghanistan to be expelled from the movement and its seat to be given to Muslim freedom fighters fighting the Kabul government.

Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan are members of the 95-member movement which begins its 23rd ministerial conference here Monday since the Soviet army intervened in Afghanistan in December 1979.

In an interview to Pakistan television, Shahi said Saturday that he plans to urge U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in New Delhi to name his special representative for talks on a political solution to the Afghan problem.

In Lahore, meanwhile, Iran's charge d'affaires Muhammad Ganjidoost told a press conference Saturday that Iran would not accept any solution in Afghanistan implying recognition of the Soviet-backed government of President Babrak Karmal.

Meanwhile, a Kuwaiti official said Sunday that a proposal for an aid fund for Namibian nationalists will be discussed at the New Delhi conference. The statement was made by Abdul Aziz Hussein, Kuwait's minister of state for cabinet affairs, after the Ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, received a message from Cuban Foreign Minister Isidoro Malmierca about the proposed fund.

In another development, Iraq's Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi said in Delhi Saturday that his country will receive any delegation which wants to mediate in its conflict with Iran if the mission "respected the independence and territorial integrity of a state." Hammadi told reporters at Delhi airport Iraq welcomed "the peace initiatives of certain (non-aligned) nations" to end the conflict with Iran.

The Iranian delegation leader Behzad Nabavi said in Tehran Sunday before departure to Delhi that the Iranian delegation will ask the movement to suspend Iraq's membership until Iraqi forces withdraw from Iranian soil.

## 4 Britons held in Iran to be freed

### U.S. journalist Dwyer found guilty

TEHRAN, Feb. 8 (R) — The four Britons detained in Iran since last August will be released shortly, President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr said Sunday.

Replying in an interview with Reuters to questions about the four, he said: "I was shown a document Sunday signed by the revolutionary prosecutor which shows they are not spies. So if they are not spies, I don't know why they should be in prison. Certainly they will free them."

Asked if they would be released soon, he replied: "I have been told that."

Meanwhile, a spokesman for Tehran's Evin prison said Sunday American freelance journalist Cynthia Dwyer, held in Iran since last May, has been found guilty of espionage and will probably be deported Monday.

He said that she had been sentenced to nine months in jail including the time she had already spent there, which would mean that her term had been fully served. The spokesman said that Mrs. Dwyer, 49, had been convicted of "espionage and activities against Iran" by a revolutionary tribunal which tried her last Wednesday.

She was arrested on May 5 during a surge of anti-American sentiment following the failure of a U.S. attempt to rescue 52 American embassy hostages by military force. Mrs. Dwyer told the court she came here because she was "interested in the news and events in Iran and wanted to see the situation close at hand."

The prosecution charged that Mrs. Dwyer had expressed interest in proposals put forward by an Iranian security agent who pretended to be in touch with an opposition group favorable to releasing the hostages.

The prosecution accused Mrs. Dwyer of talking to her husband in the United States in code, charging that she knew of the aborted U.S. military bid last April to free the hostages before the fiasco became public knowledge. The journalist denied all espionage charges, admitting only that she had attempted to deliver a letter from the mother of one of the hostages. She said, however, that she had done this openly, through the students in charge of the seized American embassy.

Mrs. Dwyer appeared in court with two other defendants: An Iranian translator and a Foreign Ministry employee, both also on espionage charges. Their sentence was now not known.

The journalist, from the daily newspaper *Ettelaat*, said the revolutionary court also charged her with "spying for the Zionist cause."

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Anita Stockman said she could not confirm the Tehran report. "I don't have anything," she said.

Mrs. Dwyer, was one of three American citizens who remained behind bars in Tehran after the 52 hostages were released on Jan. 20 after 444 days of captivity. The three did not figure in the negotiations for the release of the hostages. Last Wednesday, authorities in Tehran freed Mohi Sobhani, a 44-year-old computer expert from Los Angeles who was arrested on unspecified charges Sept. 6 a naturalized American, he had stayed in his native Iran to run a computer business after his former employer, Rockwell International, pulled out in 1979.

There has been no information about the third captive American, Afghan-born Zia Nassry, a travel agent from New York city arrested by the Iranians in March after he went to Tehran to try to open a clinic for Afghan refugees. He reportedly was accused of spying, like the other Americans

## Oman confirms joint exercises with U.S. forces

### By Farouk Luqman

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — Omani officials confirmed Sunday that "a small American force" will carry out joint communication exercises in Oman.

Speaking to *Arab News* by telephone the officials in Muscat added that the U.S. force will leave Oman with its communication equipment as soon as the exercises were completed by the end of the month.

The exercises, the first ever between Omani and American forces are scheduled to last two weeks, the sources said. Oman agreed last year to grant on temporary basis the U.S. armed forces certain military facilities on its territory, notably in the island of Masirah.

No combat troops will be involved in the exercises, the officials said. The sources reiterated their government opposition to the grant of bases to any foreign power because "it is anxious to keep the region

free from international rivalries." They said their government believes that the security and stability of the region was the responsibilities of its own people.

Pentagon sources in Washington said that several hundred armed forces personnel will take part in the joint exercises next week. They will test communications systems to coordinate the operations of the planned Rapid Intervention Force (RIF) which is being formed to give the U.S. government enhanced military mobility for rapid deployment abroad.

Meanwhile, the Soviet Union reacted angrily to the announcement and claimed that the exercises "will heighten tension in the Gulf area."

The official Tass news agency said the RDF was intended to be moved to hot spots of the world by Washington for the purpose of fighting national liberation movements.

"Observers noted that the exercises are

(Continued on back page)

### To protect U.S.-Arabs' rights

## ADC wants active steps

### Al Khobar Bureau

DAMMAM, Feb. 8 — James Abourezk, former U.S. senator from South Dakota, sought moral and financial support here Saturday night in a speech to the Damman Chamber of Commerce at the Carlton Al Moaibed Hotel. A new group of which Abourezk is organizing director, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), seeks to protect the rights of Americans of Arab descent by fighting discrimination and the stereotyping of Arabs in general in the media.

Established six months ago, the ADC is already the largest American-Arab organization in the U.S. Abourezk, who sat in the U.S. Senate from 1973 to 1979, said that the Zionists aim to create a political climate in the U.S. which allows maximum support for Israel. Of the 6 million American Jews, the few who resist Zionist pressure are brought into line through the feeling of guilt that they did nothing to aid their European coreligionists during the holocaust of the second world war.

After 1973, Israeli strategists saw danger in the new power of Arab oil. It was no longer enough to portray Arabs as "blundering buffoons," the new tactic was to make them scapegoats: "The Arab has become OPEC and OPEC has become everything that ails America."

So pervasive has the Zionist influence been that the FBI assumed the ethnic group most likely to corrupt American politicians would be Arabs and accordingly disguised agents as oil sheikhs in the notorious Abscam.

## Circus fire claims over 100 Indians

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — An estimated 100 to 200 persons, mostly children, were believed to have been killed and hundreds of others injured, after fire swept through a circus tent Saturday night in the south Indian city of Bangalore.

Reports said an exact number of casualties was not yet confirmed, but 59 bodies had already been counted. A number of the injured died later in hospitals.

At the scene of the accident, described as the worst of its kind in India in recent years, wailing mothers and other relations ran after rescuers as charred bodies were transferred to waiting vehicles, reports said.

"My brother, my brother, he could not have escaped, he is lame," cried one young man.

The top of the tent caught fire as a special circus show for schoolchildren was about to end, with about 4,000 spectators present.

The cause of the fire was yet to be ascertained though it was believed to have been an electric short circuit. Immediate relief operations were organized for injured spectators, as authorities ordered all hospitals, both public and private, to provide emergency services and drug stores to stay open throughout the night.



Former Senator James Abourezk

Although the combined assets of the 100 largest Arab banks only equal those of one American bank (The Bank of America), the fiction of grandiose Arab designs on the world economy is maintained in such headlines as the Oct. 6/80 *Businessweek* "Arab Banks: A Tool to Control World's Capital."

Examples of Zionist power in the U.S. abound. In Detroit, a city where Arab-Americans form the second largest ethnic group, a text on Arab culture was banned from city schools under Zionist pressure. In Lowell, Massachusetts, a racist advertisement campaign promoted a fuel called Sheeks by showing an Arab in flames. In Florida, a Toyota dealer adopted the slogan "Buy a Toyota. Drive an Arab crazy." The common factor in such slurs is the dehumanization of Arabs, and this, says Abourezk, "is the same tactics Hitler used against the Jews."

"Unless this process is reversed," he warned, "there will come a day when conditions are ripe for violence against Arab-Americans in the U.S." Abourezk believes the ADC can reverse this trend. "People are sensitive to the charge of racism, once it's pointed out to them, they'll change."

The ADC, which has leaders from all the Arab-American organizations on its advisory board, aims to point out the racism. Its 2,000 members survey school texts for slurs of stereotypes, committees monitor the local press and hold seminars for journalists. When all else fails, they bring lawsuits to press their claims. Only when such a grass roots organization functions effectively, can a lobbyist wield influence in Washington, according to the former senator.

Future ADC projects, which depend on raising adequate funds, include a 30-minute TV documentary surveying defamation of Arabs in the media and presenting a corrective view. The ADC accepts no money from governments even though this is legal. Only American citizens can be voting members of the ADC, but contributions are accepted from non-Americans. "We will not stop until we have ended the racist assaults against Americans of Arab descent," said Abourezk.



FROM A WARM CLIMATE: If this horse, frolicking around in its pajama at the Munich zoo could talk it would doubtless say "I'm a Zebra". This African animal seems perturbed by the snow covering the grounds and even canters to the brook for the drink of ice-cold water.

## Palestine flag, fluttering over Dundee, sparks row

### By Graham Heathcote

DUNDEE, Scotland, Feb. 8 (AP) — A Palestinian flag hanging here beside the flags of the United States, France, West Germany and Yugoslavia, has put Dundee on the map for many Arabs and generated a political row.

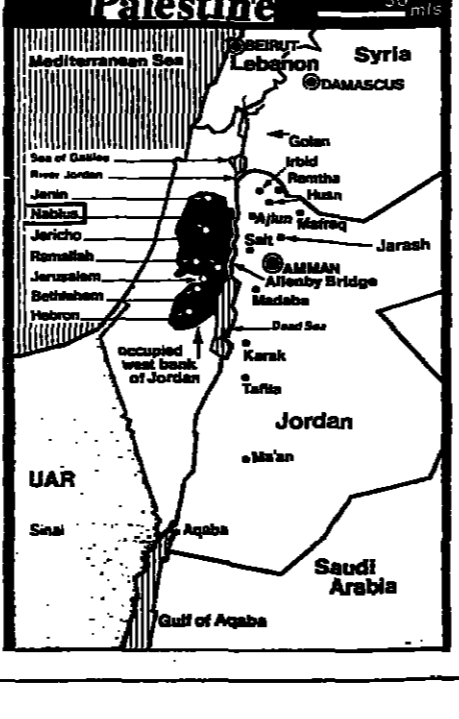
The fourth largest city in Scotland, Dundee is the only British community to approve a town-twinning agreement with the Palestinian city of Nablus on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan River.

Dundee already has similar twin-town friendships with U.S., French, German and Yugoslav cities.

After a Labor Party majority on Dundee City Council approved the idea on a 25-17 vote last Nov. 27, the Saudi Arabian ambassador sent a congratulatory telegram as did the Yemen Arab Republic.

An Israeli embassy spokesman told the Dundee newspaper the decision could hurt the city's economic relations with his government. "Israel warns Dundee," was the headline.

Councillors received leaflets from pro-Zionist groups condemning their decision,



as well as diaries from the Palestine Liberation Organization, with Yasser Arafat's picture inside.

Nobody objected when Dundee started twinning in the 1960s first with Orleans, France, then with Wuerzburg, West Germany.

Eyebrows went up a bit in this city of 196,000 when Zadar, Yugoslavia, entered the fold as twin No. 3 which is a typical Mediterranean town, with extremely hospitable people and about as Western as one can imagine.

Nor did anyone complain when Dundee agreed to a twin with Alexandria, Virginia, and there are now regular exchange visits between the Scottish and American cities.

"But over Nablus, all hell broke loose," said George Galloway, secretary-organizer of Dundee Labor Party.

"Nablus was news because mayor Basam Shakaa had medical treatment in Britain after losing his legs in a bomb attack. He came here for five days before the city council vote and was given a civic reception. He presented the flag as a gift from the people of Nablus and said it is the Palestine flag that flew under the British mandate before Israel was created in 1948."

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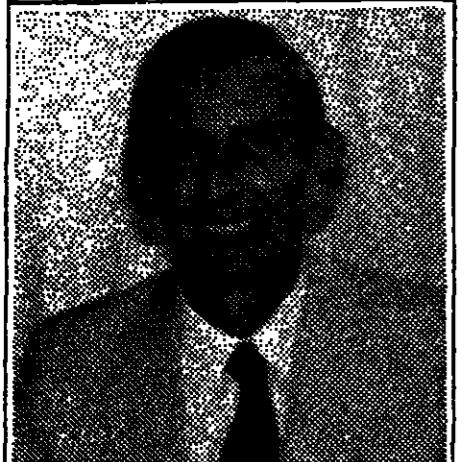
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# Council endorses Mecca Declaration

MECCA, Feb. 8 (SPA) — The World Supreme Council of Mosques' Political Committee endorsed the Mecca Declaration adopted by the third Islamic Summit conference last month. The committee also discussed the Jerusalem issue, the Palestine question, the Afghan problem and the issue of Communist interference in other countries.



**P. van Heeswijk  
KLM manager noted**  
By a Staff Writer  
JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — Commencing early this month, Mr. P. Eric van Heeswijk has been appointed KLM general manager for the Arab Peninsula, based in Bahrain. Mr. van Heeswijk will coordinate and control the commercial and operational activities of the company's 13 offices in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman and North Yemen. The 54-year-old manager has been with the airline for a total of 34 years, including postings in Australia, Iran, the Philippines as well as some years in the Netherlands head office.

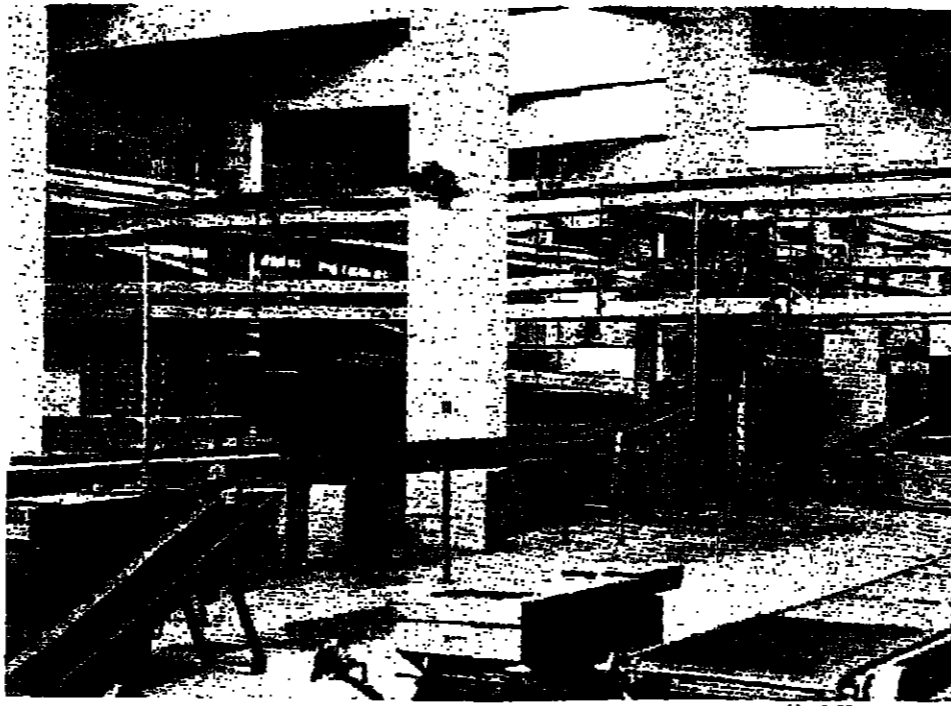
on means to supervise butchery abroad and make sure the right religious formula is pronounced before the slaughter. The council also discussed the domination of Muslim life by the Sharia according to the resolutions of the third Islamic summit and the Islamic foreign ministers' conference. A specially-formed committee reviewed the training sessions organized by the council's secretariat general. The committee considered the issue of translating the Holy Quran into various languages.

Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim world league and the world supreme council of mosques, hailed King Khaled's statement, delivered by Mecca Deputy Governor Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mobsen, during the opening session of the council's current session. Sheikh Harakan said the conferences considered the statement one of the session's documents.

In a separate development, the Jerusalem General Islamic Conference's bureau in Amman confirmed Saturday that Israel is continuing its hostile activities against mosques and their mission in occupied Arab lands. Imams of mosques and other religious personalities are being detained individually and collectively. They are treated in a way that contradicts with the simplest principles of respect to religious feelings.

The bureau sent a cable to Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan on the occasion of the sixth session meetings of the World Supreme Council of Mosques. The cable stated that the Zionist actions are a translation of the racial Zionist malevolence. The bureau also urged the U.N. Secretary General Dr. Kurt Waldheim to work on stopping Israeli practices against mosques in the occupied territories.

**School directors meet**  
JEDDAH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — Directors of administration of Western Province schools met here Saturday to consider the schools' management and propose adequate solution for various problems. They also evaluated the running of the schools' administration during this year's first quarter.



BAKERY: An inside view of the new Saudi Bakeries. (Arab News photo)

## With one million loaves capacity Bakery opens business doors

By Farouk Laqman  
JEDDAH, Feb. 8 — The largest bakery in the Middle East opened here for business recently with a capacity for producing one million loaves of bread per day.

Owned by the Saudi Bakeries Company Limited, the bakery is situated off Palestine Road East, and has five production lines in addition to a completely automated pastry kitchen. The German-made machines alone cost more than SR20 million with land and buildings costing another SR12 million, according to Abdul Karim Badrah whose family also owns the sweet and biscuit factories in Mecca Road.

At present the bakery operates two production lines during an eight-hour shift, but as more lines are put into operation the output will increase at first to 500,000 loaves and then to the targeted one million.

"We are confident that the market in and around Jeddah and as far as Mecca can take our production in addition to that of other automated bakeries," Abdul Karim said. Other modern bakeries are owned by Badr Electrical Bakeries in Jeddah and Mecca. They also are equipped with German machines which most bakers here believe are the best available for their purposes. Badr produces a whole range of pastries under German and Lebanese supervision.

The automation of the bakeries has helped depress prices of bread which are already generously subsidized by the state — making bread in this country one of the cheapest foods in the market and one of the cheapest in the world as well. Thus Saudi bakeries buy their flour from the government-owned and subsidized grain silos inside the port of Jeddah.

With so much capacity in hand and plenty to spare the bakeries are able to sell 100 loaves at SR14 to the distributors, delivered to them by van. The distributors resell it to the customers at SR1 for four loaves leaving them a profit of SR9 per hundred, still fairly reasonable as far as the end user is concerned.

The Saudi Bakeries occupy, along with other buildings an area of nearly 10,000 square meters with enormous machines that can only testify to the optimism of the owners in the capacity of the local bread market for consumption.

## Youth camp opens in Brazil

By a Staff Writer  
SAO PAULO, Brazil, Feb. 8 (Special) — The first Islamic youth camp of South America was inaugurated in Sao Paulo on Monday, Feb. 2, in the main hall of the Hilton Hotel by the governor of Sao Paulo, according to the assistant secretary general of the World Assembly of Muslim Youth. The camp was organized by the World Assembly of Muslim Youth and the Islamic Solidarity Fund of the Organization of Islamic Conference with the active cooperation of Dr. Hussain Al-Zoghby, president of the Islamic Association in Brazil and Dr. Ahmad Al-Saifi, president of the Abu Bakr Siddique Association of Sao Paulo.

## Phone exhibit wins award

By a Staff Writer  
RIYADH, Feb. 8 — The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia's telecommunication's exhibit, illustrating the achievements of the Ministry of PTT, has won a special award at the International Meccom '81 conference in Bahrain, according to a Saudi telephone spokesman. The award was given for "best non-commercial exhibit in the exhibition, in organization and design." Presentation of the award was made by Arabian Exhibition Management officials to Ahmed Sabian, division manager — tenders and contracts, of Saudi Telephone, representing the Ministry of PTT.

The PTT exhibit covered 170 square meters. The exhibit featured five separate display alcoves, constructed of curving red pillars, topped by golden spheres. In the center alcove was a huge relief map of the Kingdom, with a control panel that electronically switched on the various telecommunication routes across Saudi Arabia. This was flanked at both ends of the display area by a large audio-visual microwave exhibit, and by an array of sophisticated telex and automatic processing equipment. The MOPTT exhibit was completed by information panels that portrayed the many aspects of the Kingdom's highly successful telephone expansion program.

**Science pact decided**  
TAIPEI, Feb. 8 (CNA) — The Republic of China has decided to enter into scientific cooperation with the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, a member of the Chinese science mission said upon his return here from the Kingdom.

Wang Chi-wu of the National Science Council reported the Chinese mission has reached a number of agreements with its Saudi counterpart aimed at stepping up scientific cooperation between the two countries.

During the initial period, cooperation will focus on environmental protection and agricultural development, he said. The Chinese mission was headed by Shu Shien-siu, chairman of the same council.

Since 1978, both countries held economic and technological cooperation conferences annually in each country's capital. However, most of the cooperation stressed in economic field.

## Cement firm expands

JEDDAH, Feb. 8 (SPA) — The Arab Cement Company is supplying the Western Region's market with 600,000 tons of cement and 3,000 tons of lime annually, officials reported. The company's production also extends to the Southern Region and Yanbu Industrial city.

## COMMENT

By Jasser Al-Jasser  
Al Jazirah  
The New Delhi conference of non-aligned nations assumes great significance in view of the fact that a number of crucial issues now plaguing the world will be placed before it for discussion. The Iraq-Iran war, the issue of Palestine and Jerusalem, the Afghanistan problem and the North-South dialogue are matters that concern the emerging nations.

The conference will concentrate on these issues and will strive to find suitable solutions to these problems. The Iraq-Iran armed conflict has already engaged the concern of non-aligned states, whose coordination council has studied a number of ideas leading to an end to the crisis. The foreign ministers of Yugoslavia, India and Cuba shuttled between Baghdad and Tehran more than once. Their efforts, however, proved fruitless owing to the intransigent attitude of Iranian officials.

While the Iraqi government has demonstrated a certain amount of flexibility in its attitude, the officials in Iran have shown their uncalculated stubborn and stiff reaction to conciliatory efforts. All efforts exerted by a group of non-aligned nations, the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) and the United Nations to find a solution to this war have failed for want of any favorable response from the Iranian side.

But the picture now has become a little bit more clear before the non-aligned states, as they have come to realize the dimensions and causes of this conflict. On the other hand, the Iranian government also is inclined to show some favorable response to the efforts of the non-aligned states. It has announced the despatch of a delegation to New Delhi to take part in the conference.

With the presence of an Iraqi delegation in the non-aligned conference, there will be possibilities of making some progress which would pave the way for a serious and fruitful move toward finding a solution to the crisis.

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# U.S. delivers 2 Bronco jets to Morocco

RABAT, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — The United States has delivered two Rockwell OV-10A Bronco counter-insurgency reconnaissance aircraft to Morocco for use in operations against Polisario Front forces in the Western Sahara, an official American source has said. The Broncos, which are part of a package of \$232.5 million worth of aircraft ordered by Morocco from the United States a year ago, are designed to reinforce Morocco's military capability against the Polisario, who have been fighting for independence of the desert area for more than 10 years.

The two Broncos, which were delivered to a Moroccan air force base at Kenitra north of Rabat last Wednesday, are the first of six aircraft of this type ordered by the Moroccan government.

The other aircraft on order are 24 Hughes OH-6A MD Defender helicopters, half of them in ship versions, and 20 Northrop F-5 jet fighters, which are expected to be delivered later this year.

Western military experts here say the aircraft, particularly the Broncos, will substantially increase Morocco's ability to apprehend the Polisario men as they infiltrate the area from their main bases in neighboring Algeria.

Meanwhile, the Moroccan news agency SPA said Moroccan forces now control the Jebel Akhraf highlands, 130 kilometers east of Agouayn in the Western Sahara, after disarming the Polisario men.

In Algiers, the Algerian newspaper, *El Moudjahid* said the U.S. is taking a risk in sending to furnish more arms to Morocco which could find itself caught in a "dangerous escalation" of the Western Sahara conflict.

*El Moudjahid* wrote that in sending news, the U.S. would take on "a heavy responsibility that could have serious consequences" and risk "implication in a chain- and dangerous escalation" of the conflict.

# Shakaa calls on Muslims to mend rift

TEL AVIV, Feb. 8 (R) — Arab leaders in the Israeli-occupied West Bank called on the Muslim world Sunday to settle its disputes by peaceful means.

Mayor Bassam Shakaa of Nablus, the West Bank's largest town, assailed last week's kidnapping of the Jordanian charge d'affaires in Beirut, blamed by Jordan on Syria. "This is a trap as well as the other dissensions in the Muslim world are a trap and weaken our fight against the dangers from foreign forces," Shakaa told Reuters.

"The Muslim world must avoid settling differences by force and should try to reach agreement peacefully," he said.

The Arab-language daily newspaper in East Jerusalem *Al-Fida*, also called for peaceful settlement of the kidnapping and other disputes including the Iran-Iraq war. "Inter-Arab relations deteriorate further, we can hope to achieve our nationalist goals?" the paper asked.

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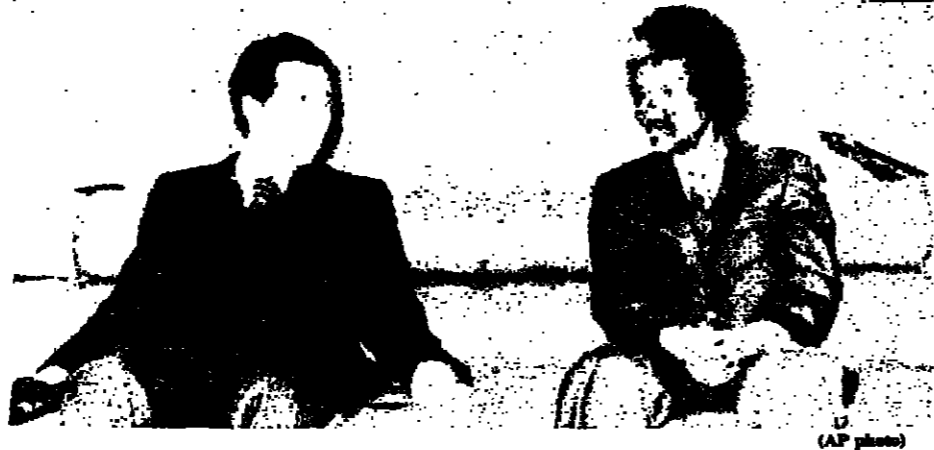
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IN LIBYA: Chad's President Goukouni Oueddei (right) during his meeting with Maj. Abdul Salam Jalloud, second highest ranking member of the Libyan government in Tripoli last week. On Sunday, sources said a summit meeting between Libyan leader Qaddafi, Nigerian President Shagari and Goukouni may take place in a new bid to settle the Chad dispute.

# Qaddafi, Goukouni, Shagari 3-man summit on Chad likely

N'DJAMENA, Feb. 8 (AFP) — A summit meeting between Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, Nigerian President Shehu Shagari and Chadian President Goukouni Oueddei may take place here later this week in a new bid to settle the dispute over Chad set off by the recent Libyan intervention in the sub-Saharan desert state and former French colony.

A usually reliable source said, around 90 persons would come with Qaddafi and the Nigerians would arrive with a 40-member delegation. N'Djamena's main hotel, the Grand, is abuzz with activity preparing the building for the summit.

Edem Kodjoaid, secretary-general of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which has called for a neutral military force

# Gilmour ends visit Kuwait briefed on EEC peace role

KUWAIT, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Britain's Deputy Foreign Secretary Ian Gilmour left here Sunday at the end of a three-day visit, part of a Middle East tour that includes Jordan and Syria. He said Sunday that in talks here he had briefed Kuwaiti officials on how the European Economic Community (EEC) proposed to put into effect the statement of principles on the Middle East formulated at its 1979 Venice summit meeting.

The principles include Arab acceptance of Israel's security in exchange for Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories and the granting of self-rule to the Palestinians, who should be represented in negotiations by the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Gilmour indicated that the EEC countries were "agreed to move ahead along these lines" and that Netherlands Foreign Minister

# BRIEFS

TOKYO, (A P) — Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Tugut Ozal has arrived here to discuss ways of promoting economic relations between Japan and Turkey. Ozal, who led a 25-member delegation, is to meet with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki, Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito and other government leaders as well as business leaders during a one-week stay in Japan.

TEL AVIV, (R) — Israeli Education Minister Zevulun Hammer will lead a delegation of educationists to Egypt soon under an agreement reached last week between President Anwar Sadat and Israel's Ambassador to Egypt, eliahu Ben Elissar, Israeli government officials said Sunday.

KARACHI, (AFP) — The leaders of several outlawed political parties, who had come together to form a nine-party alliance called movement for restoration of democracy, were Saturday expelled from Karachi city for three months under the orders of the provincial government.

MANILA, (AFP) — Some 200 Iranian students held in a Philippine military camp since a protest last Tuesday were Sunday reported to have gone on hunger strike to demand the ousting of the Iranian charge d'affaires here, whom they called an "imperialist agent."

# Sadat flies today to Luxembourg

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat flies to Luxembourg Monday to tell the European parliament how he thinks the European Common Market can help the Arabs and Israelis make peace. In an address scheduled for Tuesday, Sadat is expected to dwell on the prospects for peace in the Middle East and the EEC's possible role in achieving this goal, EEC officials said.

EEC leaders decided to launch a Middle East peace initiative at a summit meeting in Venice last June. An EEC fact-finding mission went to the Middle East last autumn. But little has emerged in the way of tangible EEC proposals.

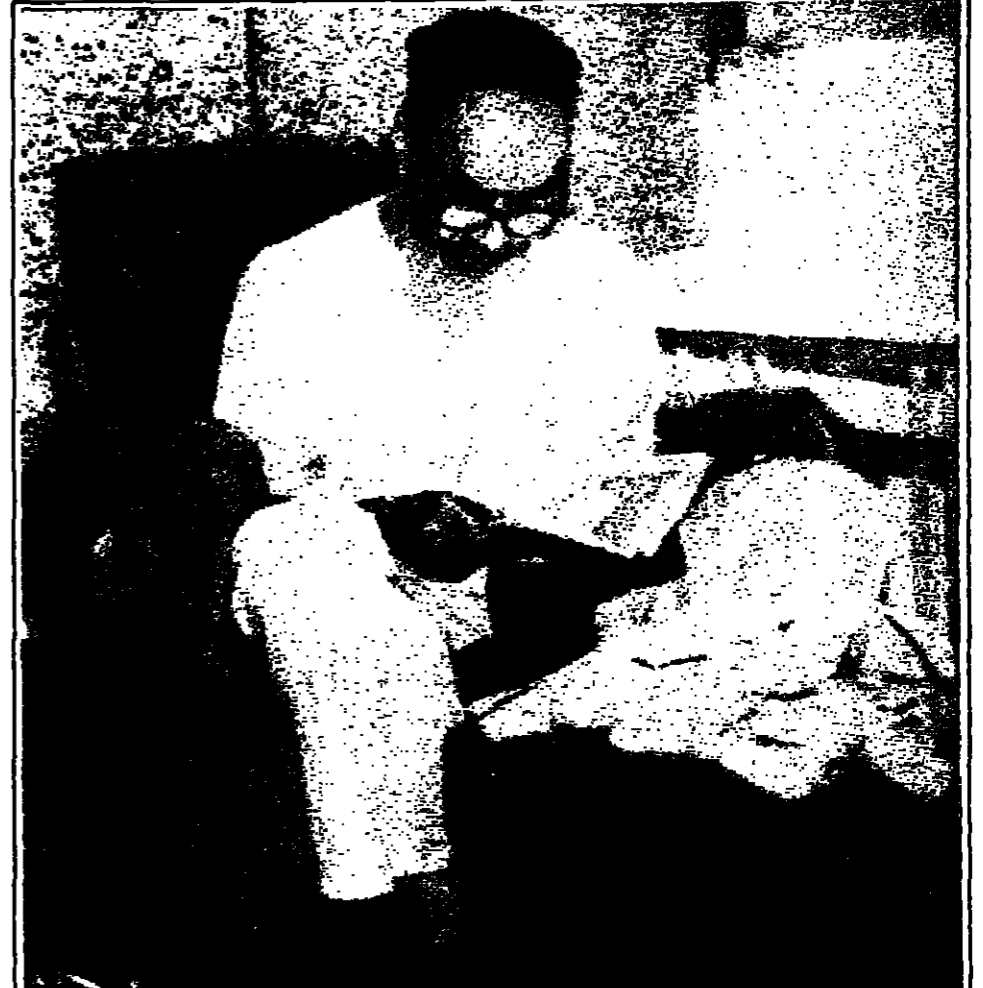
During a visit by the British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, to Egypt last month, Sadat publicly expressed his firm support for an EEC peace-making role, which he said was "very essential."

Sadat, who is going to Luxembourg at the invitation of the European parliament president, Simone Veil, is only the second non-EEC head of state to address the assembly. He is also scheduled to meet the president of the EEC Commission, Gaston Thorn, who went on the first EEC peace exploratory mission to the Middle East last autumn while he was Luxembourg's foreign minister.

Sadat may also meet the Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klaauw, who as president of the EEC Council of Ministers is expected to make a further exploratory tour of the Middle East soon.

At a summit meeting in Luxembourg last December, EEC leaders failed to take their plans for an EEC role in the Middle East peace process any further. Senior British diplomats have cautioned against expecting too much, particularly in view of rivalries in the Middle East and the Iran-Iraq war.

Last year diplomats from the then nine EEC nations drew up a series of papers dealing with major elements of a possible Arab-Israeli peace settlement. These covered a range of options under four main headings: Israeli withdrawal from occupied territories, Palestinian self-determination, security guarantees and the status of Jerusalem.



IN PRIVATE: The Iranian new agency, Pars, released this picture of Ayatollah Khomeini, saying it is a rare photo of him "in his private hours." The caption was dated Feb. 2, but Pars did not specify when or where the photo was taken. "Even during periods assigned for his rest," the caption said, Khomeini "pursues religious studies in reading from the Holy Koran."

# France, Iran discuss missile boats

PARIS, Feb. 8 (R) — French and Iranian officials have been discussing the issue of three French-built missile boats destined for the Iranian navy but blocked because of financial claims against Tehran, informed sources said.

French officials declined all comment Saturday on the talks which follow close on the delivery by France to Iraq of Mirage F-1 fighter-bombers under a contract signed in 1977.

Iran voiced anger at the aircraft delivery and asked for talks on the missile boats which now impounded in Cherbourg harbor the sources said.

France has no opposition in principle to the delivery but has said the handover depends on the outcome of contacts over French claims against Iran running into several hundred million dollars.

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Anti-Vietnam move

# Sihanouk to head joint front

PEKING, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Former Kampuchean head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk said Sunday he was now reluctantly prepared to head a united front, including the Khmer Rouge, against the Vietnamese in Kampuchea. "I am obliged to head a united front because of pressure from friends in Kampuchea, America and Thailand," he told Reuters in a brief telephone interview from the North Korean capital Pyongyang where he now lives in exile.

The prince appeared to have reversed a decision announced in Peking last July to retire from politics. At that time he declared himself unwilling to succumb to Chinese pressure to cooperate with the Peking-backed Khmer Rouge guerrillas, whom he described as "bloody and tyrannical."

The prince declined to discuss the proposed anti-Vietnamese front in the interview but said he would release further details soon. Prince Sihanouk was kept under house arrest in Kampuchea for four years when the Khmer Rouge was in power. He has since condemned them as "super-Nazis" responsible for the genocide of the Kampuchean people.

Sihanouk said that China had revived the idea of forming a united front, in an apparent reference to statements by Chinese Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang during a visit to Bangkok two weeks ago. Zhao then reaffirmed that China was ready to see the prince at the head of an anti-Vietnamese front.

Observers here noted that the announcement followed a statement to Western newsmen by Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan, in a stronghold along the Thai-



Prince Norodom Sihanouk

Kampuchean border, that he had personally asked a non-communist Kampuchean leader to head the anti-Vietnamese campaign.

Prince Sihanouk said the new front suggested by China would also include his former Prime Minister Son Sann. But in Bangkok a spokesman for Son Sann's Khmer People's National Liberation Front declined

comment on the announcement.

The prince said however that his commitment to a new front was conditional on China giving his forces substantial material, military equipment, medical and financial support, as it was doing for the Khmer Rouge. He also called for the "total disarmament" of all armed factions should the front gain control of Kampuchea and for "international guarantees of neutrality."

The former ruler endorsed consent given by China and the Khmer Rouge regime to the creation of an international peace-keeping force in Kampuchea and a new international supervisory committee along the lines of that established after the Paris agreements of 1954.

## Thai-Laotian river border partly closed

BANGKOK, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Thailand Sunday ordered a partial closure of its Mekong river border with landlocked Laos after gun-fire exchanges since late Friday which have left nine Thai villagers and defenders wounded. The move is virtual economic blockade against Laos, which has 40,000 Vietnamese troops on its territory.

Government-run Radio Thailand said the closure was ordered by Nong Khai provincial governor Kosol Santhitham. Citing reports from Nong Khai, about 600 kms north-west of Bangkok, the radio said Laotian troops, using assault rifles, submachine guns and mortars, had resumed firing into Thailand before dawn Sunday. Shortly after the border closure was due at 8 a.m. Laotian heavy artillery hit Thai border villages, causing a number of wounded.

Forty four Vietnamese refugees were rescued from a crippled fishing boat by the U.S. Navy seventh fleet frigate USS Lang in the Gulf of Thailand Sunday. The boat carried 21 men, 10 women and 13 children. Two women and a child were later being treated at the U.S. seventh fleet Pacific base in Subic Bay here. The refugees will be transferred to the United Nations refugee center in nearby Bataan province, officials said.

Meanwhile, Pravda charged Sunday that China has been unsuccessful in its attempt to line up the five-member ASEAN bloc of nations in southeast Asia in an "anti-Vietnamese front." In extending its "grass meddling" in Kampuchean affairs, Peking sought the backing of ASEAN — Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — with the aim of teaching Vietnam another lesson, it said.

Vietnam, Laos and Kampuchea had called for a joint conference with the ASEAN countries in order to secure "peace, stability, and cooperation" for southeast Asia, the Communist Party daily added.



FAMISHED: Victims of the famine in the Karamoja district of Uganda are being fed at a Luiki center.

## New violence feared in Zimbabwe

SALISBURY, Feb. 8 (R) — The death of a senior official from Joshua Nkomo's Patriotic Front-ZAPU party in a landmine blast in the driveway of his home Friday has raised the possibility of renewed tensions between Zimbabwe's political factions. Nelson Murembo, a member of the PF-ZAPU central committee and party secretary for commerce, died in hospital after his car hit the mine. His nephew, Charles Matema, who was with him, was killed instantly.

Neither police nor Nkomo, minority leader in Zimbabwe's coalition government, has commented on Murembo's death. But political sources said many PF-ZAPU supporters would assume that adversaries from Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF party had been responsible for the blast. More than 100 people have been killed in violence between the two groups — former guerrilla war allies — since Zimbabwe's independence.

## Tokyo claim to islands denounced by Moscow

MOSCOW, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Japanese claims to the Kuril islands, seized by the Soviet Union after World War II, have been vehemently denounced by Moscow Radio and the Soviet government newspaper, Izvestia. The two described the claims as unfounded. Moscow Radio also charged that Japan had organized meetings about the Kurils as "a provocation," while Izvestia said the claims were based on a falsification of history. The "anti-Soviet campaign" does not serve the cause of Japanese-Soviet friendship, the paper said.

Japanese Foreign Minister Zenko Suzuki Saturday called for the peaceful return of the four islands, Japan's so-called northern territories. Speaking to one of a series of rallies throughout Japan for the return of the Kurils, Suzuki said that Japanese claims were based on the treaty of Shimoda, under which Czarist Russia gave the islands to Japan 125 years ago.

## Refugee influx

# Uganda appeals for urgent food relief

KAMPALA, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — At least 180,000 people face starvation in the West Nile district of north-west Uganda and unless relief is sent immediately there will be a disaster. Uganda's Rehabilitation Minister Patrick Masete Kuuya has asked international agencies to speed help for 100,000 refugees returning from Zaïre and the Sudan to homesteads destroyed in the war that overthrew dictator Idi Amin in 1979.

Another 60,000 refugees are returning from the bush where they fled to escape raids by ravaging bands of Amin's defeated soldiers. There already is hunger among the refugees, who also are harried by Amin men striking from hideouts in Zoke forest, a former game reserve.

Kuuya said Saturday \$4.2 million is needed just for a start on relief food, clothing and seeds for planting, excluding medical aid and housing. If help does not come there could be a repeat of the famine in Karamoja last year, when 30,000 children reportedly died, he said.

There have been reports of arguments between United Nations agencies and international charities over alleged inefficient handling of relief in Karamoja. Melissa Wells of the U.N. development program, who was there, said that where so many agencies are involved relief aid could be difficult to manage. "In the confusion, you sometimes do not

know who is doing what," she said. "It is a matter of coordination." She said she will fly to the West Nile next week to assess the situation before recommending what aid her agency will offer.

Food brought into the country will be distributed in western and southern parts of the province "where there is good enough sec-

urity for food distribution," but not in the northern part, Kuuya said. In the northern part of West Nile armed supporters of Idi Amin were still in hiding and using "hit-and-run tactics," the minister said. "The forests will be burnt down at the end of the dry season to smoke out the bandits," he added.

## Indian riot toll mounts

NEW DELHI, Feb. 8 (AP) — At least six persons were reported killed and scores wounded in police firings in three Indian states Saturday, the United News of India (UNI) reported Sunday.

In the western state of Gujarat, where army troops were called out Friday night to quell large-scale acts of rioting and arson, two persons died in running street battles between rock-throwing students and armed police, UNI said.

Nine persons have so far reportedly perished in police-student clashes in Gujarat since student groups began a violent agitation ten days ago against the reservation of seats in medical colleges for "untouchables," or Hindu outcasts, and members of India's tribal communities.

A 30-year-old man was killed when police units fired on rampaging mobs that set fire to banks and government offices and looted shops in the state capital of Ahmedabad, UNI said. The rioters hurled bricks, rocks and blazing kerosene-soaked cloth balls at policemen, it added.

Police opened fire in another curfew-bound section of Ahmedabad after use of truncheons and teargas failed to scatter 1,000 youths who attacked a telephone exchange. One person was shot dead, UNI reported. The agency reported student-police street fight-

ing in Baroda, Mehsana, Porbander and other Gujarat cities. Scores of people were reportedly injured in these clashes.

In a separate development, three persons were killed in a bloody clash between police and coal miners in the northern state of Bihar, UNI reported.

The agency quoted officials as saying that thousands of miners assaulted officers of the government-run Central Coalfields Ltd. and attacked policemen with bricks and stones near Hazaribagh 750 kms southeast of the Indian capital. Police fired on the miners, killing three instantly and wounding 12, UNI reported.

In the southern Indian port city of Madras, railroad police fired on a gang of looters, killing one, UNI said. The group was looting a freight train when they were challenged by Police.

Meanwhile, Marxist leader Sukhedo Singh was shot dead by unidentified gunmen at his party office in Begusarai district of Bihar state, UNI reported.

In riot-torn Jabalpur, central India, police arrested 337 students protesting alleged police inaction on the slaying of a local engineering college student last Tuesday. Authorities, meanwhile, lifted night-time curfew in the city, 680 kms south of New Delhi, UNI said.

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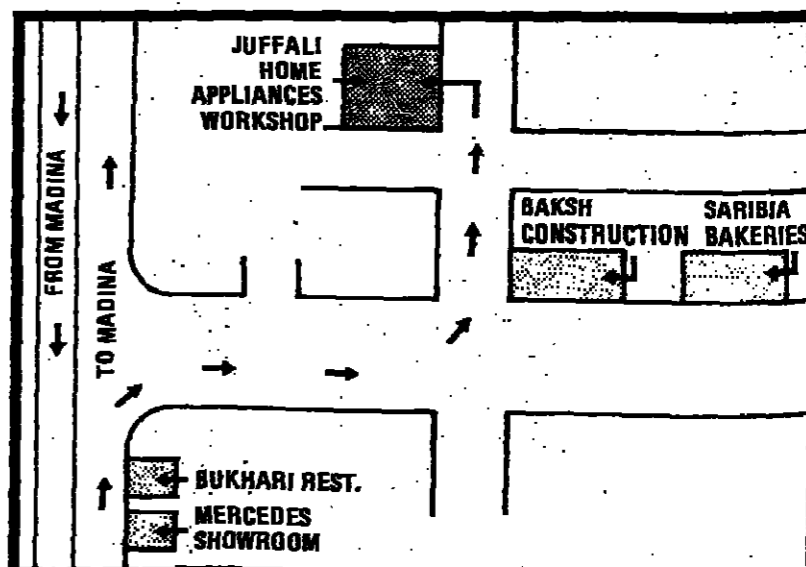
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Boost for U.S. defense

# SALT critic Ikle gets Pentagon post

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Fred C. Ikle, a veteran nuclear strategist and a critic of the SALT II treaty, was named Saturday to a major Pentagon post by the Reagan administration.

The Swiss-born former head of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency said he saw his role as supporting Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger "in his effort to strengthen our defense posture." Ikle, 56, was principal adviser to President Ronald Reagan during the campaign and is considered somewhat of a hard-liner in dealing with the Soviet Union.

As undersecretary of defense for policy, Ikle will help Weinberger shape defense policy and relations with the State Department and foreign countries. The job also covers international security affairs. It was created by the Carter administration. In a brief interview, Ikle stressed his determination to strengthen U.S. defenses as advocated by Reagan.

Ikle took charge of the arms control agency in 1973, determined to rebuild confidence in the organization after a severe personnel change. He had a role in shaping U.S. strategic policy during the Nixon and Ford administrations, but was largely overshadowed by Henry Kissinger, who negotiated most of what became the SALT II treaty to set ceilings on American and Russian long-range bombers and intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Ikle became a critic of the treaty, which remains unratified, and testified before the Senate that it left a strategic imbalance and made more difficult what he called "genuine arms control negotiations" with the Soviet Union.

Ikle has spent most of his career dealing with nuclear strategy and generally favors caution in coming to terms with the Soviet Union. Even though he headed the arms control agency, he was considered more of a hard-liner than Kissinger, the secretary of state and national security director.

Ikle is a former head of the social sciences department of the Rand Corp. in Santa Monica, California. He has been a strong proponent of international safeguards to prevent violations of bans on atomic weapons testing and other nuclear agreements.

Meanwhile, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig said in an interview published in London that he wants a closer relationship with America's allies. But he believes that diplomatic summits of the type favored by President Carter would be reserved for exceptional issues, the *Sunday Times* reported.

Henry Brandon, *Sunday Times* Washington correspondent, said Haig told him in an interview: "I think the *times* demand a very close relationship. First and foremost we have got to do a better job in developing and sharing common perceptions."

French election

# Chirac gets massive backing

PARIS, Feb. 8 (AP) — France's neo-Gaullist party gave its official, overwhelming backing to leader Jacques Chirac as its candidate against President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing in the presidential elections next April and May.

Party secretary general Bernard Pons told a special meeting of 2,567 delegates of the Rassemblement Pour la République (RPR) Party that "it is not certain" that Giscard d'Estaing was the strongest representative of the ruling coalition to face Socialist François Mitterrand, who leads the leftist challenge. "It is not certain that he doesn't run the serious risk of being beaten," said Pons in presiding Chirac's case to the meeting.

The Gaullists still represent the largest component of the ruling majority in parliament, but polls show Chirac unlikely to get more than about 15 per cent of first round ballots April 26 while the incumbent can expect some 35 per cent. The second ballot May 10 is between the two candidates who lead to first ballot, expected to be Giscard d'Estaing and Mitterrand. Chirac Saturday stayed in his electoral dis-

trict in the southern Correze region, which he represents in the national assembly as well as being the first elected mayor of Paris. He made no comment on the result of the Congress.

It voted 95.4 per cent in favor of a motion declaring Chirac the official RPR candidate. Veteran hardline Gaullist Michel Debre, who was the first majority figure to declare and opposed the special Congress, was backed by only 2.88 per cent of delegates. And Giscard d'Estaing, whose name was booed loudly, had only 0.29 per cent delegate support.

Chirac's support of Giscard d'Estaing was vital in his winning the center-right candidacy in the last election in 1974, and Chirac served as his first prime minister. But Chirac resigned in 1976 in disagreement with the president's policies, and since led the Gaullists in increasingly vocal criticism of Giscard d'Estaing on both domestic and foreign policy.

The Gaullists, though, have never risked an anticipated legislative election by backing their criticism with hostile votes in parliament. Giscard d'Estaing is the only major figure still to declare his candidacy.

# Times' staff withdraws court appeal

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP) — Journalists of the *Sunday Times* have announced they had withdrawn their high court appeal to force examination by the State Monopolies Commission of newspaper magnate Rupert Murdoch's takeover of *Times* newspapers.

Eric Jacobs, chief of the National Union of Journalists local at the weekly newspaper, said Saturday the decision to abandon the mandamus appeal was taken after what he called acceptable guarantees of editorial independence were given by the Australian magnate.

The government had refused to refer Murdoch's bid for the daily *Times*, the *Sunday Times* and three supplements to the Monopolies Commission on the ground that they were running at a loss and thus exempt from examination under Britain's Fair Trading Act.

The high court was scheduled to hear the journalists' appeal Monday. Jacobs said the members of the local had voted 2-1 not to proceed with the mandamus appeal. "There seemed no point in pursuing the action because we have achieved what we set out to do and received guarantees," he said.

# Ship victims' families to get compensation

JAKARTA, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Families of people killed in the *Tamponas* passenger liner sinking last month in the Java Sea will receive compensation of \$4,000 per victim, the Pelni Shipping Company announced Sunday. Victims rescued alive but rendered disabled or handicapped will receive a maximum cash payment of \$5,000, the company added. Some 450 people drowned when the liner, bound from Jakarta to South Celebes with 1,84 people on board, caught fire and sank on Jan. 27.

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# Halt aid to Salvador rebels, U.S. tells Managua

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — The United States is applying strong pressure on Nicaragua to halt assistance to rebel forces in El Salvador, while seeking to avoid a break that might further boost tensions in central America, a well-informed source said here Saturday.

According to the source, the Ronald Reagan administration is seeking to deal with the extremist wing of Nicaragua's Sandinista regime and also with ultra-conservatives in the U.S. Congress, who are calling for an immediate halt in economic aid to Managua.

Earlier this week, the administration escalated its war of words with Managua, charging that evidence was accumulating that arms from Soviet Bloc countries intended for Salvadoran rebels were passing through Nicaragua.

Salvadoran accusations against Nicaragua have put the Reagan administration, which has vowed to deal firmly with "Cuban-Soviet expansionism" in central America, in an embarrassing situation. The source said here that Washington is anxious to avoid a total break with Nicaragua, which would provide extremist elements in Managua with an excuse for further "radicalization" of Sandinista rule.

A more radical regime would tend to align itself more closely with Cuba and the Soviet Union. In order to maintain influence in Managua, the administration wants to continue its economic aid, the source said. But the moderate elements in El Salvador must also be assisted and U.S. congressional conservatives fend off. According to the source, the administration is seeking to gain time.

In San Salvador, Junta Vice President Col. Jaime Abdul Gutierrez said Saturday the Salvadoran government is threatened by "both extreme rightists and extreme leftists" but will survive all attempts to topple it.



FRENCH-GERMAN SUMMIT: French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, left, poses with West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt on the steps of the Elysee Palace Thursday before the start of the French-German summit.

# Politicians denounce Basque killing

MADRID, Feb. 8 (R) — The killing of a kidnapped nuclear plant engineer by Basque guerrillas provoked unprecedented condemnation Saturday across the political spectrum in the Basque country. The Basque separatist movement ETA said the shooting Friday night of chief engineer Jose Maria Ryan was the start of a campaign against senior staff of the utility company Ibaduro, which is building the Lemoniz Plant.

But after the blindfolded and gagged body of the 39-year-old engineer was found on a roadside near Bilbao, Basque politicians joined in denouncing ETA. Prominent left-winger Juan Maria Bandres, whose Euzkadiko Ezkerra Party is said to be close to ETA's politico-military wing, said: "This spells the end of ETA military."

The Basque Socialist Party secretary-general, Txiki Benegas, called the killers "fascist fanatics." And the president of the Basque parliament, Juan Jose Pujana, said: "This savage and murdering fury... must be eradicated."

# Life returns to normal in Malagasy capital

ANTANANARIVO, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Security measures here have been relaxed in the Malagasy capital Antananarivo as life in the city returned to normal following Tuesday's violent student demonstrations in which at least five people were killed.

Only the overnight curfew, which forces traders to close their shops earlier than usual, stands as a reminder of the disturbances, as motorists drove along sun-drenched independence avenue, the city's main street where students confronted the security forces.

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# U.S., Britain ponder modern chemical arms

By Leonard Downie Jr.

LONDON — British and American defense officials have held exploratory discussions on whether the two countries should develop a modern chemical warfare capability to counter what they believe to be a substantial Soviet stockpile of nerve gas and other poisonous chemical weapons. The talks began in Washington last year at the initiative of then British Defense Secretary Francis Pym, who has been outspoken in his concern about the threat posed by the Soviet Union's "rather sophisticated chemical capability" and the deadlock in U.S.-Soviet negotiations for a complete ban on chemical warfare.

British officials said the Anglo-American talks have examined the Soviet chemical warfare threat and what the United States, Britain and possibly the NATO allies could do in response. Both British and American officials stressed that no decisions have yet been made.

Officials here said Britain still has no plans to resume producing chemical weapons, a capability it gave up after experiencing the horrors of poison gas in World War I. Instead, they indicated, Britain is waiting to see what the Reagan administration decides to do in the United States, which also stopped producing chemical weapons and began destroying much of its stockpile of them in 1969.

"Both sides of the Atlantic seem to be waiting on the other," said one well-informed source here. "London is waiting for the Reagan administration to make a decision, while it looks like Reagan's people will be waiting to see what the Europeans think."

This source, a British expert on chemical warfare, added that U.S. research into the development of chemical weapons — particularly binary nerve gas, in which two chemicals, safe while stored separately, become lethal when mixed — "seems quite far advanced and ready to go." He said Britain and the United States have shared their chemical warfare research, much of it done to develop defense measures like masks and protective suits, during the years when neither country has produced new chemical weapons.

Congress has asked the incoming administration to report early this year on the possibility of U.S. production of binary or other chemical weapons at a plant that would be built in Pine Bluff, Ark. The Senate in September approved a \$3 million appropriation for a building to house such a plant there.

But British officials strongly denied growing speculation here that the talks between British and American defense officials and Pym's several recent public statements here on chemical warfare meant the two countries were already close to agreement on producing and deploying binary nerve gas or other chemical weapons.

"This has almost gotten out of hand," Pym said in an interview. "These were informal talks at staff planning level between us and the Americans. Nothing was decided. Nothing has happened at all."

"As far as I know neither the Carter administration nor the new administration has come to any conclusions about this," added Pym, who recently was moved from defense minister to leader of the House of Commons by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Because of the deadly experience of British troops with poison gas in the trenches of World War I, chemical warfare is an emotional subject in Britain. This has made Pym's carefully couched remarks highly controversial and has heightened concern here that Britain might be joining in or agreeing to American development of chemical weapons.

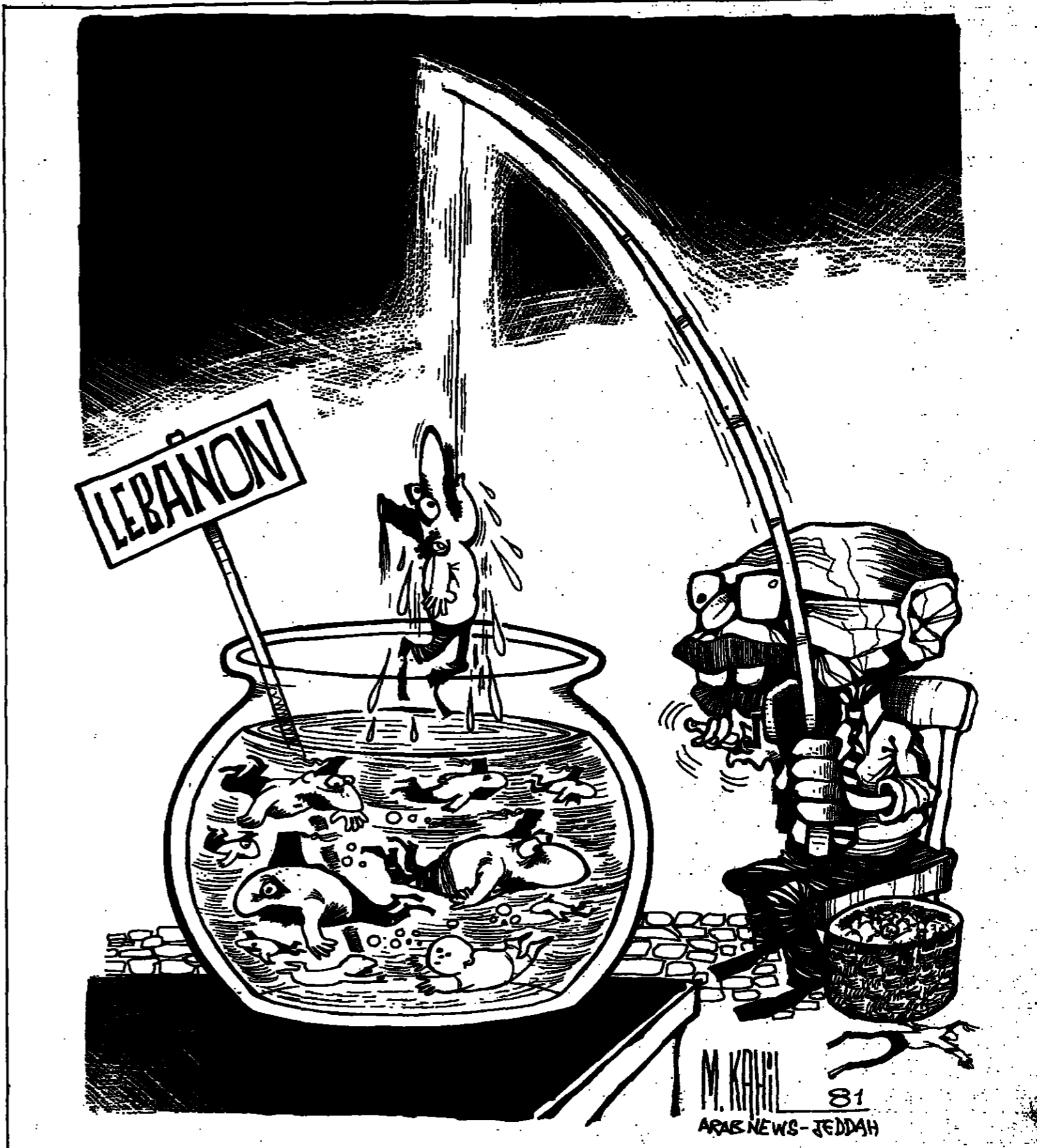
Pym said his aim has been to make the British people and other allies aware of the threat he sees in the Soviet chemical warfare stockpile. "This threat does exist," he said. "Some people want to brush it under the carpet, but I think it's important that we realize that it exists. I wanted to discuss with the Americans possibilities for a deterrent of some kind."

British defense officials and diplomats still support U.S. efforts, also begun at British initiative in the East-West disarmament talks in Geneva in 1976, to negotiate a chemical warfare ban with the Soviet Union. But they see little hope now of breaking the deadlock over the problem of verification.

"There's been no movement on the other side," said Pym in one of his recent public discussions of the issue, "and the fact is that this rather sophisticated chemical capability does exist, is in Soviet hands and therefore is a threat to us."

British and American officials said that much of the emphasis Pym has put on the problem appears to stem from his "strong personal feelings," but they added that they expected further Anglo-American discussions and possibly informal consideration of the issue by NATO defense ministers this spring.

Experts here are divided over how extensive and up-to-date the Soviet chemical weapons are and whether they have been used in the invasion of Afghanistan, as has been charged by some Afghans. There is little question that the Soviets at least matched U.S. production through the late 1960s of nerve gas, choking agents, blood poisons and other lethal chemicals for military use. (WP)



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## WHAT'S UP IN U.S. MIND?

A word springs immediately to mind as one reads the reports of meetings in Washington by "strategy experts" to discuss the role of America's "Rapid Deployment Force" in the Gulf — and that word is: Incongruous.

For only a few days ago, the Arab countries of the Gulf met and resolved to reject the presence of any foreign troops in the area. They also resolved to set up a permanent Cooperation Council whose principal aim was declared to be the achievement of self-reliance in security matters. Yet the Americans go on as if nothing has been said.

Even more bewilderingly, the U.S. Defense Secretary Weinberger stated a few days ago his wish that the Israelis would "invite" American forces to facilities or bases there. The Israelis' reaction was that the Americans were welcome to the bases the Israelis were supposed to hand over to the Egyptians in Sinai — and that is all.

Then came the reports that the Americans want their intervention forces to be stationed in Egypt. And the report was embellished with news of Israeli worry on this count as it would seem to pull the mantle of the West's best ally from the Israelis. Egypt's stated policy has up to now been explicit rejection of American bases on its soil — no change was reported on this front.

The question all this leads to is: What is going on in the minds of America's leaders? Why the constant insistence on the possibility of intervention in the Gulf when the countries around it have made their stand on the issue so clear; when even those who are supposed to provide springboards for it in areas near to the Gulf are showing such reluctance?

What is being cooked in Washington? What fire behind this smoke?

## Saudi Arabian Press Review

*Al Medina* Sunday led with Swedish King Gustav's statement in which he said he is grateful to King Khaled for his invitation to visit Saudi Arabia, adding that the Kingdom is the first Arab country he will be visiting. *Al Jazirah* and *Okaz* gave lead coverage to the Kingdom's delegation to the non-aligned conference beginning in New Delhi Monday. In a lead story, *Al Nahwa* said the World Supreme Council of Mosques has adopted the Mecca Declaration, while *Al Riyadh* gave lead prominence to the mystery of the kidnapping of the Jordanian charge d'affaires in Beirut.

Meanwhile, *Okaz* front-paged the conditions put forward by a secret organization for the release of the Jordanian diplomat. In a front-page story, *Al Medina* said United States President Ronald Reagan has invited President Sadat and Israeli Premier Begin to pay a visit to Washington. Newspapers gave front-page coverage to the New Delhi conference of non-aligned countries.

Newspaper editorials dealt with Gulf cooperation saying the charter of cooperation among the Arab states of the Gulf has embodied the objectives of the region and its peoples. Some papers discussed European efforts toward the realization of peace in the region and expressed confidence that the international climate is congenial for an effective contribution to peace efforts. The situation in Lebanon also formed a topic of discussion in some papers which said the happenings in Lebanon would have their effect on its Arab neighbors.

On cooperation among the Arab states of the Gulf, *Al Bilad* observed that, by setting up a supreme council for cooperation, the Gulf states have made a good progress

toward economic integration. They have given a characteristic significance to the strategy of cooperation which would provide the basic elements for the development and progress of these states, said the paper. It added that the objectives embodied in the charter of cooperation are also symbolic of a sense of a big responsibility lying on the shoulders of leaders as well as the peoples of the region.

Discussing the Middle East situation, *Okaz* said international efforts are being exerted to create peaceful conditions on an equitable basis in conformity with the Arab and Islamic stance. The paper held the view that a suitable climate was available for an effective participation in peace efforts by those powers which are linked to the situation in the Middle East. It described the European stance as the beginning of a stage for European initiative toward the Middle East, which would have to be in harmony with the concept of peace and justice in the region. The paper reiterated that Israel's aggressive policy makes it imperative to find a solution that guarantees Arab and Islamic rights and restores the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine.

*Al Yom* dwelled on the Lebanese situation, saying the secret elements which have been exploiting the situation in Lebanon are still trying to commit crimes and escalate the situation in that country. *Al Jazirah* also dealt with the Lebanese situation and said that secret elements have been creating terror and panic in the country in order to escape from the reality and to avoid serving the nation and its people. It registered that these elements are playing into the hands of Zionists whose aim is only to work against any effort to restore normalcy in Leba-

## The Third Islamic Summit (VI) Resolutions stress cultural, social cooperation

(Editor's note: Following is the sixth of a seven-part series on the Third Islamic Summit Conference held in Taif from Jan. 25 to 28).

By A Special Correspondent

JEDDAH — While political and economic matters were of primary consideration at the Third Islamic Summit, issues related to cultural and social cooperation were tackled with equal seriousness as it is the all round cooperation among OIC member states that would lead to promoting their unity and solidarity and enable their peoples to attain better living and social standards.

High on the list of cultural affairs was a review of the activities of the Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) which had been set up at the Second Islamic Summit in 1974, and which has become the leading institution for arranging grants and assistance in wide ranging areas of social and cultural development, organizing the Islamic of social and ancillary development, organizing the Islamic call (Da'wa), relief assistance, and for educational research and technical development.

The summit heard a report from the president of the ISF on the various activities of the Fund. It expressed satisfaction at the ISF's achievements of the past six years to foster Islamic solidarity, providing support to both official and non-official institutions engaged in matters of Islamic culture, higher education, as well as youth welfare throughout the Muslim world, and also to support the struggle and steadfastness of the Palestinian people in occupied Palestine, particularly in Jerusalem. Islamic leaders, however, felt that the fund's resources were not adequate enough to cater to all these diverse and important activities assigned to the ISF. The resolution on the ISF thus calls for:

1. Increase in the ISF's annual budget to \$50 million with an appeal to member states to redouble their contributions to ensure that the projected

budget figure is reached to enable the fund to carry out its activities.

2. To invite the Permanent Council of the Fund (composed of 12 member states elected every two years) and the OIC General Secretariat to raise additional sources for the fund by issuance of special postal stamps, organizing competitions and fund raising fairs and other similar activities.

3. To organize annual fund raising campaign in OIC member states and arrange for collection of donations during the month of Ramadan.

4. To endorse the decision of the 11th Islamic Foreign Ministers Conference to set up a special endowment (Waqf) for the ISF with a capital of \$100 million and to request member states to speed up covering this capital through voluntary donations.

A related resolution approved relates to the establishment of an Islamic Relief Agency within the framework of the ISF. This proposal was moved as the ISF has been increasingly involved with relief and humanitarian assistance resulting from the natural disasters and calamities afflicting Muslim countries and also to deal with the growing problem of refugees. The summit, while affirming the importance of creating a relief agency, felt that there was need to carry out detailed studies to determine the activities and functions of the proposed agency and asked the OIC Secretariat to carry out this task. Meanwhile, the ISF is to continue rendering relief in cases of natural disasters.

The summit also adopted a resolution on the reconstruction of the Al-Asnam region in Algeria which was destroyed by a severe earthquake some months ago. It noted the report submitted by the OIC Secretariat on the preliminary estimates of the human and material losses caused by this tragic event and expressed regret and sympathy to the people and government of Algeria. An appeal was also launched, in compliance with Islamic solidarity, to OIC member countries to contribute with Islamic solidarity, to OIC member countries to contribute toward the reconstruction of the Al Asnam region, according to each state's capacity to do so.

Three resolutions pertain to the establishment of cultural centers and universities and OIC subsidiary organs operating in the cultural and social development areas. The first of these deals with the Islamic Center in Guinea Bissau, the Ahmed Baba Center in Timbuktu (Mali), and the Islamic Universities in Niger and Uganda. The centers in Guinea Bissau and Mali are planned as regional institutes dealing with Islamic research and studies. The university in Niger is in an advanced stage of completion but work on the one in Uganda was held up in view of the political uncertainty which prevailed in that country in the past few years. These projects are meant to spread Islamic teachings and Arabic language in Africa and the OIC has for sometime been involved with these important cultural ventures. The summit reaffirmed the OIC commitment to all these projects, asked the ISF to continue its involvement with them and appealed to member states to extend direct assistance to help finance and complete these projects.

Another resolution called for the consolidation of the Islamic Foundation for Science and Technology which has already become operational. The summit, noting the importance of scientific research and related functions assigned to the foundation, urged member states to come forth with generous donations for the capital stage of its activities. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has already pledged an assistance of \$1.5 million to this agency. The summit also called for the intensification of efforts to enable the Islamic Science Foundation to take up its task in right earnest.

The creation of the Islamic Education, Scientific

and Cultural Organization with its seat in Morocco was also endorsed by the summit. This organization has been motivated by the need to emphasize the traits of Islamic culture and education and to promote them in the Islamic countries and throughout the world. The resolution on this subject decided:

- (i) To urge member states to support the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization by facilitating the modalities for its establishment and enabling it to start the discharge of its functions.
- (ii) To call upon member states to declare their membership of the Islamic Education and to urge the states which have not yet ratified its statute to finalize the procedure of ratification.
- (iii) To approve the recommendations adopted by the Sixth Session of the Islamic Commission for Economic, Cultural and Social Affairs held in Jeddah in Moharram 1401 H (November 1980), on convening the Constituent Assembly of the Islamic Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization in the host country.

Finally, in the cultural and social fields, the summit considered the role of sports exchanges and games for promoting understanding and solidarity among countries. This resulted in the adoption of a resolution on the Organization of Islamic Solidarity Games among the OIC member states to be held periodically once every four years on the pattern of the Olympic games. A decision to this effect was already taken at the last foreign ministers conference and the summit reaffirmed the necessity of cooperation by OIC countries in organizing the Islamic Solidarity Games. It was also decided to set up the Islamic Solidarity Games Confederation and the task of drawing up the statute of this new body was assigned to a special committee composed of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Turkey, Bangladesh, UAE, Pakistan, Tunisia, Gambia, Guinea, Gabon and Somalia. The final text of the statute would be adopted at the next Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers. The summit also welcomed the offer of the Kingdom to host the Second Islamic Games in 1983. The first such Olympiad was held in Izmir, Turkey last year.

(To Be Continued)

## Letters to the editor

Dear sir,  
As a reader of Saudi Arabia's first English language newspaper, allow me to express my deep gratitude to His Majesty King Khaled for his enormous initiative and efforts with the recent concluded Third Islamic Summit Conference. After reading the official text of the Mecca Declaration, I arrived to an opinion that summits among the Arab countries show their undying solidarity and brethren among each other. I wish also to express my thanks for your feature stories on the floods that lashed Southern Philippines.

Please also publish that martial law in the Philippines has been lifted, because I am one of the thousand breadmakers who think of our loved ones especially those living in rural areas.

Very respectfully yours,  
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Mr. Rocky Olandessa,  
Ministry of Communication,  
Riyadh.

Editor's Note: Thank you for your...



Dinner is served

Bedouins' hospitality knows no bounds

Part III  
By Heather Winkler

AL LITH — I went into the men's side of the tent with Abdullah and Ian — at Abdullah's request. The inside of their tent was clean and tidy in comparison with the clutter of the women's. Mats, as usual, had been spread on the ground. Jan and John seemed to have become as at ease with the men as I did with the women. They joked together quite freely.

I was very envious of Ian and John's ability to speak Arabic. The men welcomed me and offered me tea to drink. They also insisted on moving me from where I sat in the sun to a more shaded area. Abdullah, through Ian, told me the dangers of sitting in the sun. Ian had mentioned earlier that the men had asked to whom I was married — him or John. They had become surprised to discover that I was not married to either.

Throughout the time I spent in the men's tent, the women were behind the blanket listening to everything.

After an hour or so I returned to the women who welcomed me back. It was dark now and several fires had been lit. Our Bedouin friends looked especially happy in the firelight. It was time for our meal. As with the tea and coffee, the men were served first. The women and I sat around a large metal bowl containing a bed of rice on which lay a piece of mutton. We all ate with our hands. Throughout the meal a bowl of goat's milk was passed round.

The women took delight in giving me handfuls of food and the more I ate the more it encouraged them. They seemed to be in competition again, this time as to who could give me the most food. After the meal a bowl of soupy water was provided to wash our hands.

Outside the air remained warm and the sky was clear and bright. All around the camp people sat outside the tents by the fires. I sat with the women around the fire just outside our tent. A couple of the older women carried the bowls that had been used for the meal. During the time I was in the camp, I noticed that all the work was done by the older women. The younger women, like the men, spent most of their time just sitting around. Warm goat's milk passed to and fro and we also ate some goat's cheese which was dry and off-white in color and had a very distinct flavor. The men prayed outside the tent, as they had done earlier.

The women insisted on showing me the cars that were parked nearby. Some of the women indicated to me which cars belonged to their husbands by pointing to themselves, then pointing in the general direction of the men's tent and finally pointing at the car and rubbing their forefingers together. They were very proud of their husbands' cars. Carefully they opened the doors so I could look inside. When I had looked at several different makes of Toyota the women decided we could go back to the camp. When we arrived back we sat by the fire and I intrigued the women by writing some notes about the day's activities in a small book.

The thought written English was very interesting. Another bowl of warmed goat's milk passed around. After we had finished drinking the milk, the women asked me, by laying their hands on the side of their faces, if I was sleepy. I was. They all stroked my hair and gave me understanding looks. I often felt they were surprised to find I was not really that different from them!

The women went inside the tent and brought the mats out and laid them on the ground. They told me that this was where they sleep. Five women and myself lay down on a mat with a blanket to cover us. As soon as they were 'in bed' all the women removed their veils and the piece of black netted material that covered their hair. All the women had extremely long hair. They spent several minutes playing with and combing each other's hair with their fingers. When they had finished each woman tucked her veil behind her head.

The women pulled the blanket over their heads, so that the whole of their bodies were completely covered. Being unused to sleeping with my face covered I only pulled my part of the blanket up to my shoulders. Nura pulled the blanket over my head. I pulled it back. She pulled the blanket over my head again. I pulled it back. She sat up and looked at me shaking her head in disapproval. The other women also sat up. They laughed at me and then demonstrated how one should go to sleep.

Simultaneously they lay down and pulled the blanket over their heads. After a moment they sat back up. They all looked at me and then pulled the blanket over my head. When they were satisfied I was not going to pull it back, they lay down and pulled the blanket over their heads. By the time the women were asleep I was still awake. I pulled the blanket back. I fell asleep only to wake up at about two o'clock in the morning freezing cold. I pulled the blanket over my head. The women had won their point.

We were up very early in the morning. The women all changed their clothes and washed. The older women set about the task of making breakfast. The camp looked lovely and peaceful in the early morning light. The sun was just rising and everything was coming back to life. It was very cold, however. Nura and I sat with the children, who had completely accepted me, and together we watched the activities in the camp. The shepherd was taking the sheep and goats back to their grazing on the other side of the road. The men were praying.

Breakfast came out of a tin can! It was vegetable soup to which the women had added some goat's milk. We sat round a large bowl and ate with our hands, using bread to soak up the soup. We drank tea and coffee afterwards and were given some dates to eat.

The time had come to say goodbye. For me it was a sad moment and the women, especially Nura, seemed sorry to see me go. (We returned a warm welcome later when we revisited the camp. We also became friendly with Abdullah's family.) The women all kissed me and before I left gave me a small glass bottle containing some Kohl. Just as they had been when we arrived at the camp, the women stood clustered around their side of the tent watching everything, while the men shook the hands of my companions. This time, however, all the men shook my hand too. We waved to them from the van and drove out of the camp. (Concluded)

Drug that revitalizes memory

By Philip J. Hitts

WASHINGTON, (WP) — Psychiatric researchers have found a drug, now in common use for a number of ailments, can also improve memory greatly, according to a report in *The Journal of Science*.

In tests on a small number of subjects, the drug has been found not only to improve the memory of normal people by 20 per cent in two types of tests, but also to have an even more powerful effect on patients with disabling depression. And it induced a stunning 300 per cent improvement in the recall of patients who have just undergone electroshock, a therapy that commonly results in amnesia.

The drug, *vasopressin*, prescribed to constrict blood vessels or help the kidneys retain water, was given to improve memory in a battery of three tests on 18 people studied by Drs. Herbert Weingartner, Frederick Goodwin, Philip Gold and others at the National Institutes of Mental Health. The report was the first to document the memory-enhancing effects of *vasopressin* in humans, although several animal studies had shown similar results. Goodwin also said a Dutch researcher, Dr. Dewied Legroff, has demonstrated similar powerful memory effects in some 40 people, all over 50 years old. Legroff's patients showed "a big improvement in memory. For some of them it was like getting back the memory they had as much younger people apparently," Goodwin said.

Since *vasopressin* has dangerous effects on the body's circulation and water retention, it cannot be sold as a memory drug in its present form. But a chemically similar version of the drug has been made that reduces these effects and appears in animal tests to retain memory effects. But this version is many years from being sold on the open market because of the extensive testing required, according to a spokesman for Organon, the Dutch pharmaceutical firm that has done the most work on it.

In the report, 12 of the 18 subjects were college students, and they were first given memory tests, then given *vasopressin* or a placebo (an inactive substance) in a nasal spray. The drug was given several times a day for two to three weeks.

The students were read 11 unrelated words, then were asked to repeat them, in order, from memory. The students improved their performance by an average of 20 per cent when given the drug. In another test, the words were all in a single category, such as items of furniture, and after some time, the students were asked to recall them. The performance again increased somewhat more than 20 per cent.

The researchers also tested four patients afflicted with depressions. Their before-test memory scores were lower than average for persons of their age. After being given *vasopressin*, they improved 50 per cent on words in one category, and increased almost 100 per cent on a third word-recall test.

The most dramatic increases came when *vasopressin* was given to three patients about to undergo electroshock therapy. All the three improved their recall of words by 300 per cent, with a higher-than-usual statistical reliability, Goodwin said.

Goodwin also said he is aware of some uncontrolled studies in which amnesia has been dramatically reversed while patients take the drug. When the drug is removed, however, the amnesia apparently relapse.

The effect of the drug in all the tests continued for about three weeks after the treatments stopped, Goodwin said.

While the new version of *vasopressin* cannot be put into general use, it can be used experimentally to a degree. Goodwin said it would likely be used in cases of amnesia and in selected cases of psychosis, and other clinically experimental uses. But the medical precautions and monitoring required will make it a cumbersome treatment.

Indian dress becomes fad

By Joan Harrison

PARIS, (ONS) — Many of the world's top designers were on a British raj jag at last month's 1981 spring and summer collection in Paris turbans and pearls, cummerbunds and saris, and memsahib jodhpurs dominated.

With one big exception: Yves St. Laurent, who took his inspiration from the French impressionists, in particular, Monet.

St. Laurent's hard Paris chic combined with the water-dappled colors of the impressionists' palettes to produce a shimmering array of silks, flowered-trimmed and veiled straw hats, gold-tipped canes, a red rose on a white boater and artists' smock coats. Wisteria blue and silver green was everywhere.

But, all this was just the gloss. His daytime suits and trouser suits were cut with long ginger-tipped jackets for the tall and skinny or sharp, little Spencer jackets for the smaller woman. There were blouson suits and good three-quarter length coats to cover up the not-so-perfect figure.

St. Laurent's colors here were grey, black and white pin stripes with super feminine accessories to relieve the strict lines: white crepe de chine blouses with ruffles, little white boaters with tiny veils or a flower, transparent black stockings or tights and high-heeled, lizard-skin pumps.

In different mood and primarily for a young sports-loving public, Andre Courreges showed that he is master of beachwear with some sensational bathing suite

At Dior, Marc Bohan has cut the bottom off the legs of his trouser suits so that they finish about four inches above the ankle. Retained for the Dior look were enormous picture hats worn folded back off the forehead, scarves in white tulle printed with tulips, very pale colored or white tights and high-heeled, lace-up sandals for evening.

Nina Ricci started off the week with the first indication that Paris was concentrating on the Indian raj with shantung jodhpurs in white and all shades of cream and beige. There were plenty of swathed turbans and Nehru-type tunics, but also beautiful romantic ball gowns cut in a swirl of organdie and pleats. Nothing much for the mass market, but beautiful clothes for the private client.

Jean Louis Scherrer based his whole collection on an Indian theme. All his models were turbaned and encrusted with pearls.

At Lanvin there was more than a hint of Indian summer, but also an attractive new suit line, what Jules Francois Crayhay describes as a handkerchief jacket — a jacket loosely cut behind and in front folding over like a stole.

Everything were long, braided necklaces finishing with jeweled, beaded tassels. Headbands with bows over fluffy, long hair or concealed in a turban, high-heeled pumps were also popular, and make-up still rather 1930s with bright lips.



AUSPICIOUS: The white-haired monkey, considered as an auspicious symbol by the Chinese, is washed (left), and dried with a drier and has its hair combed.

The white-haired monkey

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TAIPEI — The Chinese have traditionally regarded the white-haired monkey as an auspicious symbol. For instance, Lan Shihing, the famous artist of the Ching dynasty, depicted such a creature to exemplify purity and nobility in a painting entitled "A hundred Generations of Feudal Lords." Zoologists point out that only one monkey in 20,000 is white-haired (albino).

The owner of such a monkey in the Republic of China, Hsu Fang-ching, regards with the same reverence as a national treasure. Three years ago an aborigine in Hualien county caught a white monkey in the Central mountain Range. Convinced that this was a

good omen, the aborigines drank and danced in celebration. As the news spread, people rushed to the village to try to buy the animal.

The monkey had five owners before it finally became the property of Hsu and his wife. Hsu said that a Japanese once offered 50 million yen (\$235,000) for it, but was turned down.

Though he is kept busy as assistant general manager of two restaurants, Hsu sets aside as much time as possible to be with his pet. He says: "Just look at her glistening white hair and pink eyes. She is so cute and docile as you play with her. She can even tell the difference between approaching footsteps."

Hsu pointed out, however, that the monkey becomes hostile if she is bothered while she is eating. He said jokingly: She tends to be more friendly with male visitors, although

she gets along pretty well with my wife."

The care given to the monkey is as great as if she was one of the family. The Hsus do their best to feed her personally. "She has four meals a day, consisting of apples, pears, peaches and carrots and other fruits and vegetables. Her favorite food, however, is rice with some special nutrients added," Hsu said.

After bathing the monkey, Hsu and his wife dry her with towels and a drier, and smooth her hair with a comb. At the moment, the main problem is finding a suitable mate for the monkey. Hsu has kept in touch with zoos in Britain, the United States, South Africa and Japan, so far without result.

Hsu said that many people both in Taiwan and abroad have made high bids for the monkey. But he never accepts.

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Scotland has it easy

# France scores upset victory

DUBLIN, Feb. 8 (R) — France took a clear lead in the Five Nations Rugby Union Championship with a 19-13 victory over Ireland — one of the most improbable victories in modern championship rugby.

Three hours before the kick-off they lost star backs Serge Blanco and Didier Codorniou with influenza. They were forced to play reserve fly half Alain Caussade on the wing, and their makeshift three-quarter line ended the match with reserve scrum half Yves Lafarge at center for the other last-minute replacement Patrick Mesny, who went off with damaged ribs.

In between, France survived a series of

hair-raising escapes after taking the lead in 50 seconds, and they left the bewildered Irish beaten, two dropped goals and three penalties to a try and three penalties.

New fly half Guy Laporte, making his five nations debut at 28, announced his presence with a phenomenal 60 yards (55 meters) dropped goal, produced an equally devastating score from 45 yards and landed two penalties.

Aurent Pardo added a try and Serge Gabernet a penalty goal to put France at the head of the Five Nations table with two wins from two matches. For Ireland, fly half Ollie Campbell kicked three penalty goals and

Hugo MacNeill, a new cap at full back, scored a try.

In Edinburgh, Scotland, who had almost forgotten the meaning of success, battled with tremendous spirit to a 15-6 victory over Wales.

It was Scotland's first win over Wales after six years and only their second victory in their last 18 international matches.

In a scarping, error-ridden match Scotland were never behind, and they clinched victory with a dramatic penalty try five minutes from the end.

# Tracy Caulkins swims to new world record

PARIS, Feb. 8 (R) — American Tracy Caulkins swam to a world best time for the 200 meters breaststroke and later beat East German Olympic champion Petra Schneider in the 200 meters individual medley to climax the second day of the International short-course swimming meeting Saturday.

Caulkins, the 17-year-old star from Nashville, Tennessee, record 2:27.32 in the breaststroke event with England's Susannah Brownsdon 5.23 seconds slower in second place.

winning the men's 100 meters backstroke. The 17-year-old clocked 56.07 seconds, with second place going to another American, Peter Rocca, in 56.29.

East Germans set meet records in the 50 meter men's and women's freestyle. Caren Metschuck clocked 25.57 second in winning the women's event while Jord Woithe was timed in 22.56 in the men's final. American Jerry Spencer took second to Woithe in 22.92, while Britain's June Croft was second to Metschuck in 26.27. Metschuck also won the 200 meters freestyle in 2:00.16 from Meagher, 1.54 seconds behind.

Within an hour, Caulkins, who won five golds at the 1978 World Championships, dove into the pod for her long-awaited clash with Schneider. Caulkins took the lead on the opening butterfly leg and was never caught.

"I knew it was going to be a good race between Petra and myself as she is the world record holder," Caulkins said. "So I just mainly tried to keep the first two 50s real smooth and then build up and really pound in the second half. Second place in the breaststroke event went to Britain's Susannah Brownsdon.

Meagher, 16, who is credited with nine of the top 15 world best performances in the 200 meters butterfly, was timed in 1:00.94 in the 100 meters butterfly, a record for the four-year old arena meet. Cinzia Savi Scarpioni of Italy took second in 1:01.77.

Krause, 22, also set a meet record clocking 1:48.61 in winning the 200 meters freestyle. Fellow American Richard Thornton was second in 1:49.82.

Rick Carey, 17, set another arena record in

# Japanese wins Tokyo marathon

TOKYO, Feb. 8 (AP) — Hideaki Kita of Japan won the first Tokyo International Marathon race Sunday by nosing out front-running Dereje Nadir of Ethiopia about 350 meters from the finish.

The 28-year-old Japanese from the Kobe Steel Co. covered the 42.195-kilometer (26 miles, 385 yards) in two hours, 12 minutes and four seconds.

Italy's Anelio Bocci entered the National Stadium, starting and finishing site of the race, in third place. But he passed the Ethiopian the halfway mark of the 400-meter track to come in second in 2:12.11.

The 29-year-old Nadir, who placed seventh in the 1980 Moscow Olympic marathon was third in 2:12.14.

Kita entered the stadium a few meters behind Nadir. As the crowd roared, he sprinted ahead to finish 50 meters in front of the 28-year-old Italian student, waving his hands. From the 40-kilometer point, it was a four-man race among Kita, Nadir, Bocci and Russian Staymkul Dzumazarov.

In fourth place was Henri schools of Belgium with a time of 2:12.17. He was followed by Dzumazarov at 2:12.31.

# Borg, Connors make exit

TORONTO, Canada, Feb. 8 (AP) — John McEnroe stung an off-form Bjorn Borg with his second straight loss at the \$500,000 Molson Tennis Challenge Saturday in a marathon that went two hours and 40 minutes, McEnroe won 6-3, 3-6, 7-6.

The 21-year-old American won the semi-final, taking the third set with a 10-8 tie-breaker after the Swede had twice fought off match points in the 10th game to even the set at 5-5.

The win moved McEnroe into Sunday's final against Vitas Gerulaitis, who beat Jimmy Connors 6-7, 6-2, 6-5.

Borg, the world's No. 1 seed on the Association of Tennis Professionals list and the top seed for this tournament, lost only three matches in 1980.

His loss to McEnroe was his second of this tournament. He bowed to Connors in preliminary round play Friday night but by then had already assured himself of a playoff berth.

With McEnroe leading 6-5 in the final set and Borg serving, the American went ahead 15-0. But his next shot went wide, allowing the Swede to tie at 15-15.

From there, McEnroe made two unforced errors — one shot into the net, the other long — to give Borg a 40-30 lead before the Swede hit a screamer down the line for a winner to tie the set at 6-6 and send it into a 12-point tie-breaker.

McEnroe continued to make several errors early in the tie-breaker but prevailed to take a 6-4 lead and set up match point. But Borg hit a winner down the side to make it 6-5, then McEnroe's next shot went long to tie it 6-6.

With Borg leading 7-6, fans again bothered McEnroe, and the young American spent several minutes chastising at least one offender. But he regained his composure enough over the next couple of points to hit a cross-court for winner, tying the tie-breaker at 8-8, then went ahead 9-8 when Borg's shot went long. McEnroe finally won the match when Borg's shot at match point went into the net.

# Australians struggle

MELBOURNE, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Australia had to battle hard to take a 35-run lead on the first innings, with six wickets standings, in the third Test against India at the Melbourne Cricket ground Sunday.

Left-handed batsman Allan Border will continue Monday morning on 95 not out after four hours at the wicket Sunday. Border and Walters shared an unbeaten fifth wicket partnership of 83 in 102 minutes and at stumps on the second day, Australia was 272 for four in reply to India's 237.

A highlight of the day was the courageous performance of Australia's captain Greg Chappell, he made 76 in 227 minutes with six boundaries despite a painful groin injury. Chappell sustained the injury during the final series of the Benson and Hedges World Series Cup.

Australia lost both openers, John Dyson and Graeme Wood in the first 36 minutes of play to raise India's hopes for substantial breakthrough. But despite the loss of Kim Hughes for 24 only other wicket to fall on the day was that of Chappell after the tea interval. The wicket, dry and erratic though not dangerous, was difficult for batsmen in the pleasant Melbourne sunshine.

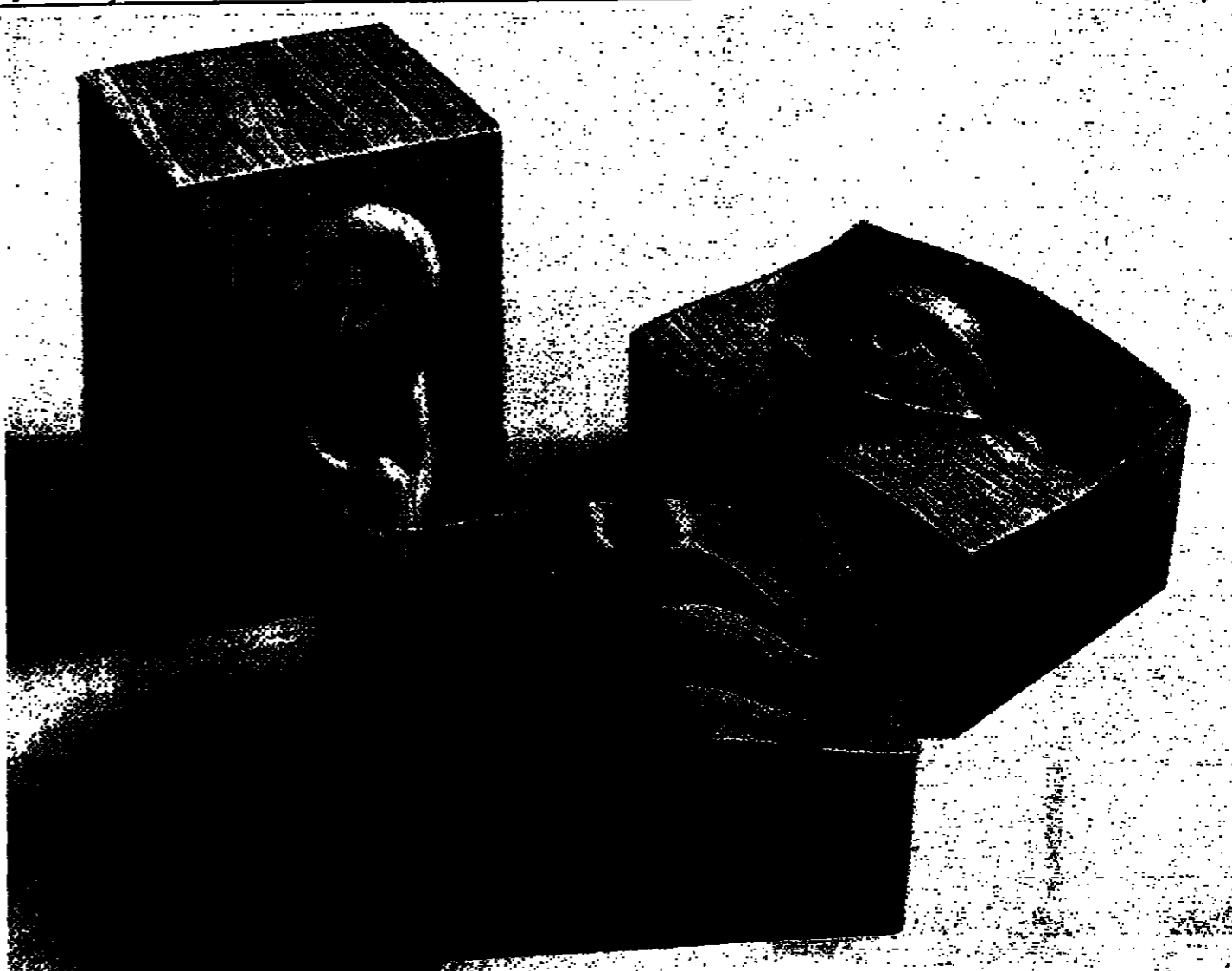
Score-board

INDIA (1st Innings): 237	
AUSTRALIA (1st Innings):	
J. Dyson c Kirmani b Kapil Dev	16
G. Wood c Doshi b Ghavri	10
G. Chappell c and b Ghavri	76
K. Hughes c Chohan b Yadav	24
A. Border batting	95
D. Walters batting	36
Extras	13
Total (for 4 wickets)	272

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-30, 2-32, 3-81, 4-189.

BOWLING: Kapil Dev 19-7-41-1, Ghavri 23-3-61-2, Yadav 23-4-73-1, Chohan 2-0-8-0, S. Pawl 2-1-5-0.

**West Germany tops**  
HAMBURG, West Germany, Feb. 8 (R) — West Germany won the King's Cup European Indoor team tennis championship Saturday night, despite losing 2-1 to the Soviet Union in the second-leg of the play-off for first place.



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Aston Villa, Ipswich score

# Liverpool's hopes shattered

LONDON, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Liverpool suffered another setback in their bid to retain the English Soccer Championship title when they slumped to a 0-2 defeat against West Bromwich Saturday.

The First Division champions, who were beaten 2-1 by lowly Leicester last week, were topped this time when England international Bryan Robson scored in the first half and Cyrille Regis netted six minutes from the finish.

Liverpool stay in third spot despite their

defeat but they are now six points adrift of leaders Ipswich and second-ranked Aston Villa.

Ipswich 3 Crystal Palace 2 (0-1). Ipswich suffered its biggest shock of the season four minutes before half-time when Palace took a quick free-kick and Ian Walsh scored. The Ipswich charge began in the 51st minute when Paul Mariner tapped in an easy equalizer. Two minutes later Mariner was fouled and John Lark banged in a penalty, and then Palace's Billy Gilbert turned a center from

Alan Brazil into his own net. Palace kept battling and Mariner presented them with a consolation goal by heading into his own net nine minutes from the end.

Everton 1 Aston Villa 3 (1-2). A 25-meters shot by Tony Morley sent Villa into the lead in the fourth minute. Trevor Ross leveled the scores with a penalty for hands in the 35th minute. The game turned on a controversial goal by Dennis Mortimer for Villa two minutes before half-time. He ran round goalkeeper Martin Hodge and scored as Everton players stood appealing for offside against Gary Shaw. In the 72nd minute Shaw was fouled and Gordon Cowans made it from a penalty.

West Bromwich 2 Liverpool 0 (1-0). After a goal by Bryan Robson in the seventh minute, Liverpool strove desperately to save a point. Manager Bob Paisley, who had dropped Terry McDermott from the lineup, left his usual seat in the directors' box shouted commands from the bench, but it did Liverpool no good. Five minutes from the end Cyrille Regis, who earlier had missed with two headers, tied it up with a goal from Nicrow's pass. This was Liverpool's third successive defeat.

Leicester 1 Manchester United 0 (0-0): Leicester won in the 65th minute with an end-to-end move that was started by goalkeeper Mark Wallington and ended with Jim Melrose driving home. "Another tremendous performance," said Leicester manager Jock Wallace. "It's sure we were going to stay in the First Division." But his team is still second from the bottom in the standings, two points behind Norwich and Brighton and six behind Sunderland. The three bottom team, go down at the end of the season.

Manchester City 1 Nottingham Forest 1 (1-0): Kein Reeves set up the chance for Paul Power to put Manchester in front after 11 minutes. Forest took charge after that, and only fine goalkeeping by Joe Corrigan kept Manchester in the lead until Trevor Francis beat him with a shot off the post.

Southampton 2 Norwich 1 (0-0): Steve Williams made a brilliant solo run to fire Southampton into the lead (59). Two minutes later Charlie George made it 2-0. Watson pulled one back for Norwich.



MARKSMAN: Chelsea's Micky Droy leaps to get the better of the Cambridge defenders as he nods the ball home in Chelsea's 3-0 victory over Cambridge Saturday.

**Soccer Results**

English Division One			Division Two			Division Three			Division Four		
Birmingham	2	Brighton	1	Preston	2	Watford	1	Exeter	1	Exeter	0
Coventry	2	Wolverhampton	2	Shrewsbury	0	West Ham	2	Charlton	0	Charlton	0
Everton	1	Aston Villa	3	Burnley	1	Cardiff	0	Brentford	0	Brentford	0
Ipswich	3	Crystal Palace	2	Chester	4	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Leicester	1	Manchester United	0	Fulham	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Manchester City	1	Nottingham Forest	1	Gillingham	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Middlesbrough	1	Sunderland	0	Huddersfield	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Southampton	2	Norwich	1	Hull	2	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Stoke	1	Arsenal	1	Millwall	3	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Tottenham	1	Leeds	1	Oxford	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
West Bromwich	2	Liverpool	0	Plymouth	1	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Division Two			Division Three			Division Four			Division Five		
Bolton	4	Cardiff	2	Reading	2	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Bristol City	1	Sheffield Wednesday	0	Sheffield United	2	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Chelsea	3	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Derby	2	Gillingham	1	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Luton	3	Blackburn	1	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
Newcastle	1	O.F. Rangers	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
North County	2	Swansea	1	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0	Cardiff	0
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## 'Miraculous shot' takes Floyd on top

SAN DIEGO, California Feb. 8 (AP) — Ray Floyd birdied the final hole with what he called "a miraculous shot" that finished off a 71 and tied him with Craig Stadler for the third-round lead Saturday in the \$250,000 Wickes-Andy Williams San Diego Open Golf Tournament.

Floyd dropped an eight-foot putt on the 18th hole — well after the national television cameras had left — to gain his share of the top spot with a 207 total.

But the minor miracle occurred on his third shot to the par-5. He was short and right, in deep rough and in a bad lie with a sand trap between him and the hole.

"It was really an impossible shot," said Floyd. "I'll take a bag of balls out there and defy any player to get the ball close. But I wasn't going to give up on it. I had to try something."

Stadler, 30 pounds lighter than when he won two titles last year, vaulted past 15 players with a 5-under par 67 and matched Floyd's 54-hole total, 9 strokes under par on the 7,002 yard South course at the Torrey

Pines Golf Club.

Tied at 208, a single stroke back, were Jeff Mitchell, George Burns, Tom Jenkins and Ron Streck. Mitchell had a 68 in the cool, sunny weather that produced a light breeze blowing in from the cliffs bordering the Pacific. Burns shot 69 and Jenkins and Streck had 71s.

John Cook was another stroke back at 209 and tied with John Schroeder, Doug Black, Bob Eastwood and Jim Simons. Cook had a third-round 67. Schroeder shot 69, black 70, Eastwood 71 and Simons 72.

Johnny Miller, who had the lead halfway through the day's play, took 39 over the back. He finished with a 73 and a 210 total. Cesar Sanudo, who was tied for the second-round lead, took a fat 76 and was at 212. He was tied at that figure with defending champion Tom Watson, who had a 69.

In Miami Beach, Judy Rankin sank four short birdie putts for a 4-under-par 68 Saturday as she jumped out of fourth place to tie Joanne Carner for the lead after three rounds of the Ladies Professional Golf Association's

\$125,000 Elizabeth Arden Classic.

Rankin and Carner were at 5-under-par 211, one stroke ahead of Donna Caponi, who hit 68 Saturday, and two strokes up on Nancy Lopez-Melton, Pat Bradley and Rookie Mindy Moore, who all carded 69s.

Australian-born Jan Stephenson was at 214 and South African-born Sally Little, Carolyn Hill and Pat Meyers at 215.

## Jose Cuevas kayoes Prada

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8 (AP) — Former World Boxing Association welterweight champion Jose "Pipino" Cuevas, dominating his foe from the opening bell, knocked out Jose Benarado Prada 2:50 into the second round Saturday night in their scheduled 10-rounder.

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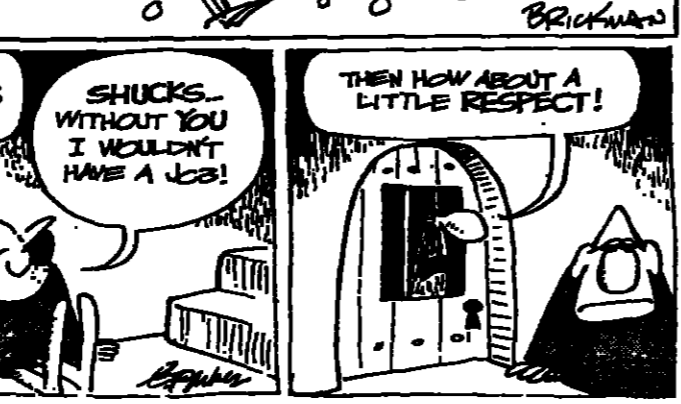
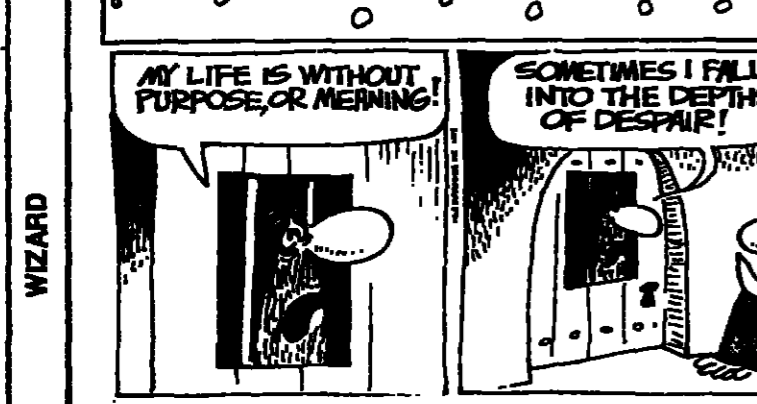
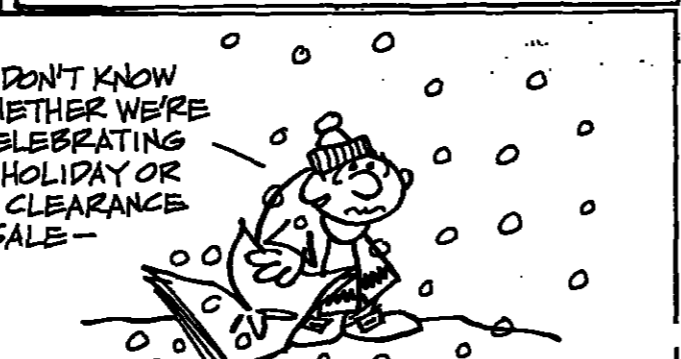
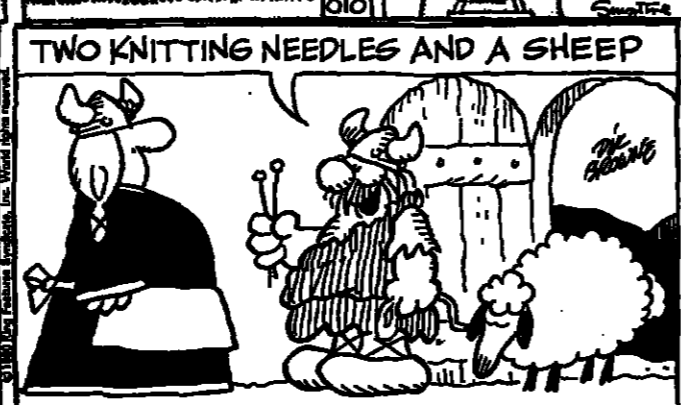
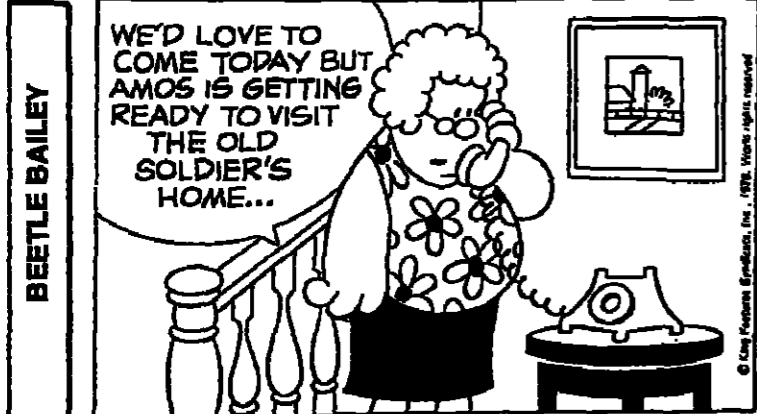
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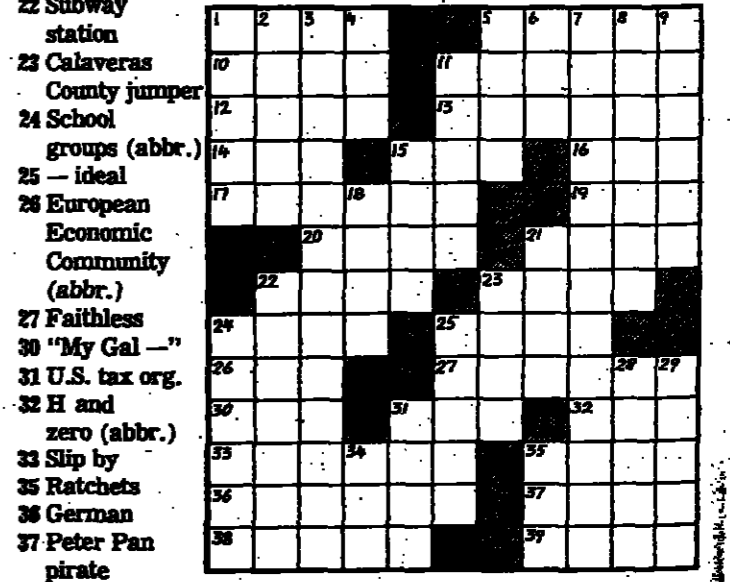
Frances Drake FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign. ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You'll need proper timing now. Know when to push your interests and when to be reticent. Intuition works for your benefit. TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) At times being with others can be a strain. Allow time for privacy in your schedule. Trust business hunches for success. GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's an up and down time regarding friendships. Too much gadding about can make you tired. Why not simplify your schedule? CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A hectic time regarding business interests, but an unusual idea is workable. Seek the cooperation of co-workers for success. LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Expect some differences of opinion, but you'll come out all right in talks with others. Creative pursuits will bring satisfaction. VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Close ties have helpful hints about interior decoration.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH ACROSS: 38 Pyromania, 1 Dress fabric, 5 Cut, 10 Sounded, 11 Bring to, 12 Alias, Hopalong Cassidy, 13 Gone aloft, 14 Suffix with heir, 15 Betake oneself, 16 Suffix with hero, 17 Worker on water, 19 Drinking vessel, 20 Official, 21 Force unit, 22 Subway station, 23 Calaveras County jumper, 24 School groups (abbr.), 25 - ideal, 26 European Community (abbr.), 27 Faithless, 30 "My Gal...", 31 U.S. tax org., 32 H and zero (abbr.), 33 Slip by, 35 Ratchets, 36 German, 37 Peter Pan pirate.

Saturday's Answer: 15 Fastener, 18 Byre sounds, 21 Doggone, it!, 22 One piffling, 24 Marshes, 24 Caballero's coin, 25 Martin Van..., 28 One impor-tuning, 29 City of the Krupp works, 31 "frost - the punkin", 34 Initials at page bottom, 35 Denver clock time (abbr.).



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# French move to stem Japanese car sales

PARIS, Feb. 8 (AFP) — In the background of a 20 per cent increase in foreign car sales in France in January, French officials will later this month decide on a strategy to deal with the Japanese sales offensive.

France is expected to seek a consensus on this within the 10-nation European Economic Community and with the United States.

The government's chief official responsible for relations with Japan, Francois Mitterrand, told newsmen this weekend that Japanese car sales were the key issue.

His remarks followed provisional figures indicating that while car sales in France in January fell by 11.9 per cent over January 1980, sales of French cars were down by 20.1 per cent, but sales of imported cars rose by 1.4 per cent. Foreign cars now account for 7.8 per cent of the market.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Libyan Dinar	—	8.60	8.85
Belgian Franc (1,000)	98.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.79	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	157.00	158.00	156.40
Swiss Franc (100)	—	4.40	4.45
British Pound	—	91.00	90.85
Japanese Yen (1,000)	68.00	68.00	68.00
French Franc (100)	—	72.25	73.90
Italian Lira (1,000)	—	—	41.05
Spanish Ptas (100)	—	8.25	—
Portuguese Escudo (100)	33.00	35.50	33.10
Yemeni Rial (1,000)	16.40	—	16.55
Ugandan Shilling	—	10.41	10.53
Kenyan Shilling (100)	—	12.25	12.22
Malaysian Ringgit (100)	—	86.20	86.05
Indonesian Rupiah (100)	—	75.00	75.15
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	33.70
Thai Baht	7.82	—	44.50
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	91.85	91.70
Yugoslav Dollar	—	41.10	41.10
East German Mark (1,000)	173.00	175.00	172.60
West German Mark (100)	—	62.00	85.75
East Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
West Lira (1,000)	3.33	3.335	3.34
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	—	73.50
Gold	—	54,300.00	—
Crude Oil	—	6,420.00	—
Exchange	—	1780	—

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against 20.3 per cent in January 1980 and 22.9 per cent for the whole of 1980.

Japanese car sales are limited to three per cent of the market under a 1977 arrangement, and Missoffe said that the thinking behind the accord was gaining ground every day in industrial circles and in French and European public opinion.

The effect of the Japanese sales drive is being felt mainly on the jobs market as the European auto industry supports nearly 10 million people.

For other sectors involving the development of high technology, the whole future of certain industries is threatened by the Japanese offensive. Within five years, the community's trade deficit with Japan has risen five-fold to total \$12,000 million.

It appears that so far the Japanese have paid little attention to several approaches, particularly by European officials stressing that there are limits to behaviour in economic relations.

The Japanese stand has been encouraged by differences between the United States — which has ruled out restrictions on Japanese car exports — and Europe, and between members of the community themselves.

For example German Italian and particularly British firms continue to tighten their links with Japanese auto manufacturers. French Industry Minister Andre Giraud recently accused Britain of lacking community solidarity following a decision to allow the Nissan firm to build a plant in Wales. However, Belgium and the Netherlands are taking the same hard line as France.

## Recession hits London hotel

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP) — London's elegant Savoy Hotel, patronized by the famous and the rich for almost a century, is selling off nearly a third of its rooms — hit by the recession.

The 91-year-old Savoy, overlooking the River Thames, has given up the struggle to be both big and special in days of economic stringency, soaring losses and falling numbers of tourists.

"It will be a slimline Savoy," said John Brodie, senior partner in a firm of real estate agents hired by the hotel to cut its losses.

## Bonn faces year of recession

BONN, Feb. 8 (R) — West Germany is digging in for a year of recession as memories of its famous "economic miracle" slip into the past.

The contrast is so stark that the legacy of the late Ludwig Erhard, who ushered in an era of boom and plenty as economics minister in the 1950s, at times seems to have been turned upside down.

The once-buoyant German mark, emblem of the nation's economic might, is almost the sick currency of Europe. The huge balance of payments surpluses of the past have been transformed into the Western world's biggest deficit.

Inflation is running what by domestic standards is the disturbing level of six per cent, while unemployment has reached a five-year high of 1.3 million. And to cap it all, Bonn has just published the gloomiest annual economic report ever drafted by a West German government.

The official forecast is that the economy will at best stagnate in 1981, and at worst the gross national product (GNP) could shrink by one per cent.

Recession is no newcomer to West Germany — the economy took a step backwards six years ago following the first oil price explosion of the 1970s. What is unprecedented is the government actually predicting such a trend.

Pessimists were quick to recall that the equivalent report for 1975 wrongly forecast two per cent growth, a margin of error which could make the sombre 1981 projection look like wishful thinking 12 months from now.

Not surprisingly, Chancellor Helmut Schmidt rejects the pessimists' conclusions. But even he admits to being a sceptic about economic forecasting.

Schmidt told a meeting of industry chiefs this month it was too early to determine when or whether the economy would start to pick up in 1981.

The nearest he came to reassuring his worried audience was to say that "prospects for a new upturn are at least more favourable than they were in the recession of 1974-1975."

The uncertainty about economic recovery is not hard to explain. With its reliance on healthy export markets and imported oil, West Germany has learned the hard way that it is vulnerable to factors beyond its control.

Consumption has been curbed to the extent that oil now accounts for less than half national energy needs, but prices have raced ahead of any savings. The oil bill last year was 60 billion marks (\$28), double that of 1978.

While their traditional trade surplus has been whittled away, West Germans have continued to spend huge sums on the "invisible" of tourism.

And even then, the resulting payments deficit has been only one of the reasons for the mark's decline against the U.S. dollar and other currencies.

Also cited are concern over the future of Poland and East-West detente, in which West Germany has a major stake, plus outflows of capital lured by higher interest rates in the U.S. and elsewhere.

The weakness of the mark, which has shed one-fifth of its value against the dollar in the past four months alone, has led some banking experts to talks of a trend towards fundamental currency realignment.

## OPEC urged to aid poor states

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) — An economist, who has helped some oil-producing states invest their petro-billions, says that at least \$500 billion is available for global development, if investors can be convinced that development and reindustrialization are sound risks.

Ronald Muller argues that what he calls "OPEC development bonds" could revitalize the world economy by financing poor nations' development and creating new markets for the industrial world. To attract investors, the fund would be guaranteed by major Western industrialized governments and members of the organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, and interest rates would be pegged to the global inflation rate and oil prices.

Those funds would go into what Muller calls a "global Marshall plan," patterned after the \$12 billion, American-sponsored program for post-World War II recovery in Western Europe.

Muller has served as special adviser to the president and foreign minister of Venezuela on financial transfers to non-oil producing developing nations, has advised other OPEC members on investment, and is director of the development banking program and inter-American programs development at American University.

In a recent interview, he discussed the "global Marshall plan" which he outlines in a new book, "Revitalizing America: Politics for Prosperity."

Muller says a global crisis in investor confidence is keeping some \$500 to 700 billion from being invested in new plants and equipment, a problem common throughout the industrialized democracies, but especially serious in the United States.

In third world nations — the largest export market for Europe, Japan and the U.S. — he says economic growth has faltered and debt has reduced their capacity to buy products of the industrialized nations.

Muller says the "idle wealth" of OPEC nations, multinationals and banks is invested in short-term certificates of deposit, precious metals and real estate, or it is used to buy established corporations, which generates no new productive capacity.

Third world countries could quickly develop \$25 to 30 billion worth of profitable and feasible food, mining and energy projects, but have no financing, he said.

Investment of "idle wealth" in the third world would create a demand for equipment and technology from the industrial democracies and, Muller says, create "new wealth."

"This obviously would have a circular effect, stimulating both our economy and the third world's and helping poorer nations overcome the mounting short-term debt problem that curtailed their ability to buy our exports," said Muller.

The long-term loan program he suggests would concentrate on basic development in transportation, communications, agriculture, mining and energy.

## Foreign aid dips in U.S.: list of priorities

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) — Selfish or extravagant — the U.S. foreign aid policy is viewed both ways. In recent years, the number of critics has been growing, while defenders are in retreat.

But probably no one has attacked foreign aid like the Ronald Reagan administration's new budget director, David Stockman, who tried to whack \$2.6 billion out of the \$8 billion former President Jimmy Carter wanted Congress to approve for fiscal 1982.

While the final cut likely will be less, Stockman's proposal shows how far foreign aid has fallen on the nation's list of priorities.

Robert S. McNamara, the outgoing president of the World Bank, complained last year that the U.S. aid effort has been "disgraceful," and that was when the Democratic Party controlled Congress and the White House.

U.S. foreign aid totals about one-fifth or one per cent of the nation's gross national product, less than almost any other major non-communist industrial nation. Congress has not approved a foreign aid bill for two years, maintaining funding close to levels of three years ago.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Directorate General of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Western Province Department of Education, Nejran	Temporary asphaltting in a rural complex in Qunfuzeh	14	300	Feb. 16
Ministry of Health	Construction of Imam Malek school (model B) with concrete ceiling	—	500	Feb. 28
Ministry of Health	Catering for Tabuk hospitals	—	10000	Feb. 14
Ministry of Health	Catering for hospitals in Al-Wajh, Al-Ola and Yanbu	—	5000	Feb. 14
Municipality of Jeddah	Operation and maintenance of lighting networks in Mecca, Bahra, Shumaisi and pilgrimage routes	19	500	March 2

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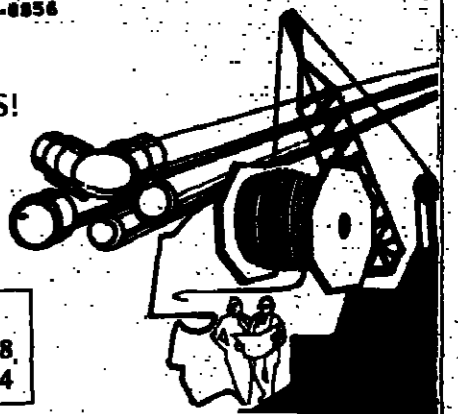
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## Walesa for urgent talks

# Workers threaten to strike in Poland

WARSAW, Feb. 8 (AP) — Lech Walesa, leader of the independent union Solidarity, arrived in Jelenia Gora Sunday for urgent talks with workers who have announced a general strike there for Monday. A spokesman for the workers, on strike alert since talks broke down last week, said the strike could spread to local newspapers, including some papers in Wrocław and the surrounding area.

The strike announced in Jelenia Gora, in the southwestern corner of Poland, is the first in a series of strikes planned by workers in the

# Iraq claims seizure of Howeiza

BASRA, Iraq, Feb. 8 (Agencies) — Iraqi troops, after beating back the Jan. 5-7 Iranian offensive, have advanced about 16 kms deeper into the province of Khuzestan and seized Howeiza, a town of about 10,000 inhabitants, a Baghdad army colonel reported.

The colonel, who commands Iraqi troops in the Susangerd sector, described the advance deeper into Iran to a group of journalists who visited the front Friday. The journalists toured "liberated" Howeiza and were able to approach the lines near Susangerd. A single road now links Susangerd to Khuzestan's capital of Ahwaz and the rest of Iran, the colonel said, adding that the Iraqi advance had reduced that vital connection to a narrow corridor. He admitted that the route was still being used by the Iranians but said that "it is more and more" dangerous for them "to do so."

According to the colonel, the Iraqi army approached Howeiza in two columns from the west and the east. When they realized their danger, the colonel said, Iranian forces decided to abandon the city and fall back on Susangerd.

The Iranian troops now defending Susangerd, the colonel added, consist of paratroopers and "some (paramilitary) guards of the revolution."

Howeiza is deserted, a forlorn assemblage of shapeless buildings in a flat, desert landscape that is constantly swept by dust-laden winds. A few derelict automobiles are seen in the deserted streets that are lined by the tightly shuttered shops. The inhabitants fled to nearby villages to "escape the fighting," the colonel said. He presented to the newsmen seven inhabitants of the town, whom he described as "members of the National Front for the Liberation of Arabistan (NFLA)," the Iraqi name for Khuzestan.

Other front members have joined Iraqi combat units, he added. NFLA supporters in Howeiza armed themselves, he said, and attacked the town's police station as Iraqi forces moved in. The station in the town's main street showed no signs of combat but it obviously had been sacked. Old clothes and shoes and shreds of official files and papers were scattered around the main room.

In another room were several sacks of rice from Thailand and red kidney beans from the United States. The town hall had also been sacked. The building's safe and been smashed open and whatever it had contained had been removed.

region this week. The planned strikes coincide with a meeting of the party's central committee which is expected to discuss the nation's labor crisis Monday.

Walesa was joined at a local meeting hall by members of regional Solidarity chapters and some members of the national commission of Solidarity, which claims some 10 million members nationwide. The union was formed during worker-government agreements signed last summer in the Baltic port of Gdansk and is unprecedented in the Soviet bloc countries.

In addition to discussions on the Jelenia Gora protest, the union delegates were expected to consider strike threats in nearby cities if talks with government negotiators in Jelenia Gora fail.

Workers in Jelenia Gora are demanding the resignation of Trade Union Minister Stanislaw Ciosek, the party leader there from 1975 to 1980. They also want the dismissal of a score of local officials and managers including a local police official.

In addition, they are demanding that the local health service should allow the use of a resort for central committee members and a new sanatorium for employees of the Ministry of the Interior. A Solidarity spokesman in Jelenia Gora said a government negotiator had reiterated a tough position against the workers' demand for the two buildings.

A union spokesman said local Solidarity chapters will wait until Wednesday and if talks in Jelenia Gora fail would then call warning strikes in the region from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday.

Meanwhile, a Solidarity spokesman from the Walbrzych branch, representing mostly miners, said the chapter had postponed a strike call for Tuesday until Wednesday. The miners are seeking free Saturdays for all mining industry employees — not just laborers — as negotiated with the government during miners' strikes last summer.

The official Polish news agency PAP said Sunday that talks will resume Monday in Katowice between "the leadership of the mining industry and with Solidarity on final regulation of working time problems in plants subordinated to the Ministry of Coal Mining."

In Moscow, the official Tass agency quoted a headline Czechoslovak newspaper article charging Solidarity leaders with deliberately provoking chaos to undermine the country's political system. Reference to the article, which appeared in the newspaper *Rude Pravo*, implied official Soviet endorsement of its sentiments and echoed recent Kremlin criticism of Solidarity movement.

## Bushmen pitted against SWAPO

FORTIFIED BASE OMEGA, Caprivi Strip, Feb. 8 (R) — By an accident of history nomadic Bushmen are fighting on the side of South Africa in the guerrilla war against the Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO). There are about 29,000 Bushmen in the sparsely populated southwest Africa (Namibia) out of whom was formed Battalion 202 one of two Bushmen battalions in the joint South African-Namibian military command.

"If they weren't in the army, there'd be nothing else for them to do," white South African Lt. Ben Wolff said. There are 850 Bushmen troops, 2,700 dependents and about 250 whites in this base, one of an undisclosed number dotted along the Caprivi, a fertile



HOLLAND-U.K. TALKS: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher paid a one-day visit Friday to Holland. She had general talks with Dutch Premier Andries van Agt (right) and Foreign Minister Christoph van der Kleauw (left) and other officials in the Hague. (AP photo)

## Fight for rights

# Peking activists warned of repression

PEKING, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Chinese authorities have issued a new warning to political activists, threatening them with various repressive measures if they continue their activities. A strongly-worded *People's Daily* editorial Sunday repeatedly hit out at those who "refuse to accept party leadership on the grounds that the party has made errors" or who "only want 'so-called democracy' and liberty and refuse to accept legality and rules."

The editorial warned: "We must be vigilant and carry out serious criticism together with re-education, and not hesitate to have recourse to appropriate forms of struggle (against them)." The activists who emerged from the human rights and democracy movements which sprang up during the Peking spring in 1978 have already been subject to two clampdowns, in spring 1979, and then in the following winter.

Wei Jingsheng, one of the most radical leaders of the Peking spring, was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in 1979 while several other more moderate activists are now undergoing prison sentences of two or three years. Survivors of the two waves of repression recently tried to regroup in a bid to obtain the right to continue publishing their

literary and poetic writings in addition to political articles.

The *People's Daily* lashed out at "a small handful of people" who "under the pretext of fighting for democracy and freedom advocate the right to use the four big rights, reject leadership from the Communist Party central committee and launch petitions and proclamations as well as workers' and students' strikes". The four big rights — to "break out freely, air views fully, hold great debates and write big character posters" were dropped from the Chinese constitution last year, after

having been written in during the cultural revolution.

"The demand for democracy and absolute liberty without Communist Party leadership can only be rejected by the population because it does not correspond to the interests and aspirations of the people", the editorial said. It added that there was no "socialist model" that could be "completely adapted" to the Chinese situation and that China had worked out its "own road", which it described as an "historic synthesis" of Chinese and foreign experiences.

## Facing worst drought

# Lisbon takes urgent steps

LISBON, Feb. 8 (R) — Portugal took emergency measures Sunday to fight the worst drought in 30 years after the government warned of a national crisis unless rain fell in the next few weeks. In farming districts, priests were organizing mass prayer meetings to appeal for rain.

Two government ministers went on television Saturday night to warn of likely harvest failures and the possibility that daily six-hour power cuts might have to be introduced, saving industry with the prospect of massive layoffs. There has been virtually no rain in Portugal for the last 40 days although this is normally the wettest season of the year. Agriculture Minister Antonio Cardoso E. Cunha said that medium-range weather forecasts indicated the drought would worsen.

Emergency measures announced by industry and Energy Minister Ricardo Baiao Horta included an immediate ban on all commercial illuminations such as neon-lit publicity signs and the overnight lighting of shopwindows. The minister said the level of street lighting would be reduced to a minimum, the lighting of public buildings and monuments would end and television broadcasts would have to end at 11 p.m.

But he warned that an even stricter

national emergency plan had been drawn up and would be applied if the drought worsened or if any accident threatened power supplies.

The minister listed the six-hour daily power cuts among these new measures, adding the government was aware of the effects this would have on labor and had already begun negotiations with employers and trade unions.

Portugal is normally a small exporter of hydro-electric power but this year it is resorting to massive electricity imports from France since the Portuguese are limiting production to stop water levels in their barrages dropping even lower. The drought will also add to Portugal's balance of payments deficit by forcing the country to increase oil purchases to make up for lost hydro-electric power and import even more food, particularly animal feeds.

The minister of agriculture warned farmers that even if it rained in the next few weeks, they would face grave difficulties this summer and there would be "important cuts" in the country's food production. The drought has coincided with particularly strong frosts which have already wiped out about 40 per cent of the country's citrus fruit production for 1981 and an estimated 23 per cent of the olive crop, according to the latest forecasts of the National Institute of Statistics.

## U.S. crime wave

# Burger calls for deterrent law

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 8 (R) — Chief Justice Warren Burger called Sunday for new laws and more money to curb street crime imposing "a reign of terror" in American cities. Recalling the U.S. hostage crisis with Iran, he told the American Bar Association that street crime made all citizens "hostages within the borders of our own self-styled enlightened civilized country."

"Crime and the fear of crime have permeated the fabric of American life," Burger said. "Like it or not, we are approaching the status of an impotent society whose capability of maintaining elementary security on the streets, in the schools and for the homes of our people is in doubt."

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court called for a limit on legal appeals and a change in bail laws which allow many accused criminals back on the streets before trial. He also advocated a big increase in public expenditure to speed up the process of bringing people to trial and to improve law enforcement efforts and prison rehabilitation programs.

"Deterrence is the primary core of any response to the reign of terror in American cities," the Chief Justice said. "We must not be misled by clichés and slogans that if we but abolish poverty crime will also disappear. A far greater factor is the deterrent effect of swift and certain consequences: swift arrest, prompt trial, certain penalty and, at some point, finality of judgment."

He said that Washington, with a population of 650,000, had more murders last year than Sweden and Denmark, which have a combined population of more than 12 million. New York city, with the same population as Sweden, had 20 times the number of

murders. "To change this melancholy picture will call for spending more money than we ever have before," he declared.

Burger said bail laws must be changed because "it is clear that there is a startling amount of crime committed by persons on release awaiting trial." He recommended that in most cases a convicted criminal should be allowed only one appeal.

# U.S., EEC trade talks to cover textiles

BRUSSELS, Feb. 8 (R) — The European Common Market and the United States, their relations improved by President Reagan's decision to lift price controls on domestically produced oil, begin two days of trade talks Monday.

The EEC has long complained that the controls, which were lifted last month, gave U.S. textile producers an unfair advantage by ensuring them oil and gas supplies at prices below world levels. Sir Roy Denman, EEC director-general for external affairs, who will lead the community delegation, will press for the removal of price controls on gas as well, EEC sources said.

The meeting, the first between EEC officials and members of the new Reagan administration, will center on the textiles issue, the sources said. The U.S. delegation will be headed by Trade Representative William Brock.

Gas provides more than 50 per cent of the energy used by U.S. textile producers and swift action is needed to align it with world prices, the sources said. Price controls on gas are not due to be lifted until 1985.

With the EEC textiles industry in crisis EEC and U.S. sources said the talks would have urgency, although one commission official insisted that "this certainly does not have the same dimension as our problems with Japan." The EEC textile industry has lost some 700,000 jobs since 1973 and suffered a \$3.6 billion trade deficit in 1979.

Between 1977 and 1979, the U.S. share of the EEC market rose from 8.8 per cent to 14.3 per cent for non-textured yard and from 0.4 per cent to 7.9 per cent for textured yard.

Last December Britain decided to lift restrictions on U.S. synthetic fiber imports, on condition that the EEC kept up its pressure on the U.S. to lift price controls on oil and gas.

"Part of the problem has now been taken care of by President Reagan's decision on oil, but we will be talking about gas and reporting back to EEC foreign ministers later this month," a commission official said.



FOUND GUILTY: Marine Pfc. Robert Garwood enters court at Camp Lejeune, N.C., Thursday for the last day of his court-martial trial. A five-man marine jury found Garwood guilty of collaborating with the enemy in Vietnam and assisting an American prisoner of war. (AP photo)

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## Pope embarks on trip to Pacific on Feb. 16

VATICAN CITY, Feb. 8 (AFP) — Pope John Paul's trip to the Pacific on Feb. 16 will not only be the longest of his pontificate so far, but the longest any Pope has taken in the history of the Church.

The Polish pontiff's ninth pastoral journey will take him 35,120 km. to the other side of the earth and back via the North Pole — the polar itinerary being itself another first for a Pope.

The Pacific trip will take him in turn in the Philippines and Japan, where he will visit Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

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aimed to show U.S. military might in direct proximity to the sovereign Arab states which have come out against aggressive U.S. policy in the region." Tass said.

U.S. Defense Department officials in Washington on Friday called the operation a "communications exercise," and said that it would not necessarily involve combat forces or members of the rapid deployment team, which took part in maneuvers in Egypt last December.

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